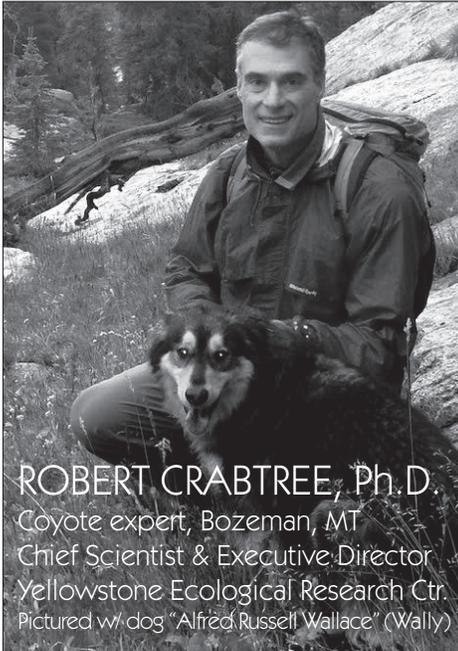


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KUDOS FROM SOME OF OUR KEY SOURCES OF FACT



ROBERT CRABTREE, Ph.D.
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Pictured w/ dog "Alfred Russell Wallace" (Wally)

"I have known and worked with Brooks Fahy for nearly 30 years. We've spent time together in the field, on camera, and in so many discussions. Over that time, I've worked with so many NGOs, I can't begin to count them. One thing I can say for sure is that Predator Defense is a shining example about what's really good about a nonprofit that does advocacy. You see them advocate for science, reality and compassion for nature's creatures.

Brooks is all about ecology (science), education, economy, and ethics (the 4 'E's). If there was an award for "effectiveness," given what Predator Defense has accomplished with their modest annual budget, they would win hands down. I wish foundations and donors alike would be more aware of that!

Brooks is a warrior leader second to none. I remember back in 1997 when he coached me into writing a scientific opinion letter about "indiscriminate killing of coyotes." It is quite remarkable how that letter found its way to fish and game commission hearings, the head of Animal Damage Control (later Wildlife Services), many websites, county and city commissions, and formed the basis of many challenges to try and reform failed federal agency policy and practice. But then again, it might not be that remarkable because Brooks spread that letter to so many places with a constant barrage of related articles, letters, documentaries, and presentations—literally thousands.

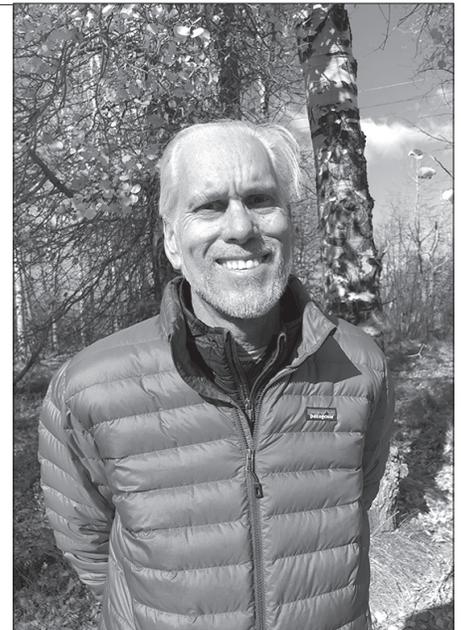
Brook is an unsung hero of nature who decided to "live on his feet" with predators, rather than "give up on his knees" like so many others. Congratulations on a 30-year legacy well-lived, my friend."

"I first encountered Brooks and Predator Defense in 1996 when he asked me to review a 100-page report they'd produced that resulted from a 20-month lawsuit against the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) flimsy and unsubstantiated reports of cougar incidents. Brooks had documented that ODFW had never verified most of the incidents they reported to the media. Predator Defense released this report just before an election which included a ballot measure to once again allow hunting of cougars and bears with dogs. Brooks and I traveled around the state holding press conferences calling out ODFW's lack of transparency, as well as their hyping a false and politically driven narrative to try and effect the outcome of a ballot initiative. It was the beginning of our long friendship.

Having been a cougar researcher and advocate for sound cougar conservation for nearly 20 years, I was no stranger to the various organizations in North America that were seeking/begging for conservation informed by science, yet mindful of the "values" component so often missing (building on Aldo Leopold's recognition of the "art and science" of wildlife management) in game agencies approach to cougars and other large predators. In Brooks I found not simply a starry-eyed advocate hoping to do good, but an individual that was phenomenally well grounded, pragmatic, tenacious, well-read on scientific literature, a wick-edly keen intellect and strategist. He always sees the long game. He never seems to tire, he constantly works to move the ball forward, even at times if the progress is only incremental. He understands forward momentum, no matter how small, is key to ultimate success.

Brooks has an intensity that has served him, his organization and predator conservation, extremely well. He is not afraid to take on any issue or large industry he finds troubling and an affront to predators, wildlife, and strong stewardship (e.g., M-44 sodium cyanide and 1080 poisoning of wildlife and pets). He is to be commended for steering an outsized influence for a small organization in a way that changed how the public thinks of predators and increased their understanding of sound predator conservation.

As a predator scientist, my voice is best heard working with organizations like Predator Defense. This is a collaboration that has lasted nearly a quarter of a century and will continue as long as I can still provide value to their mission."

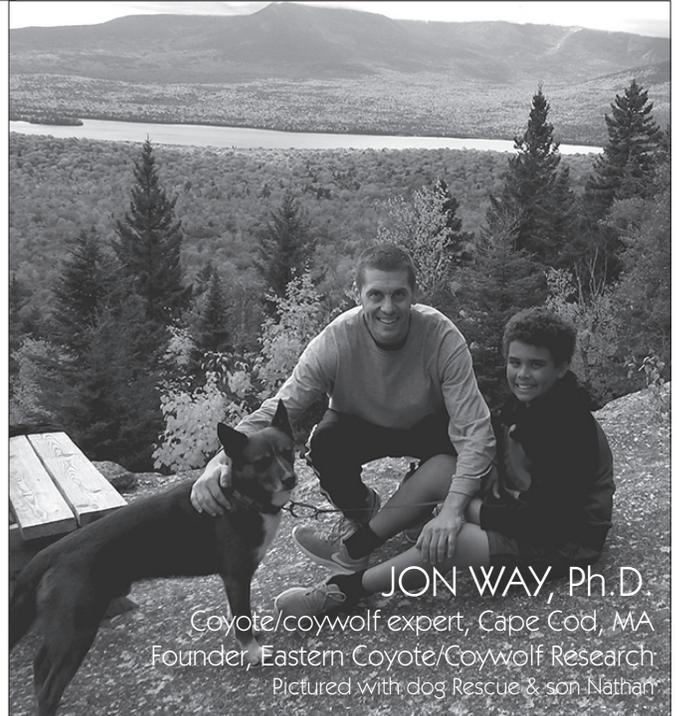


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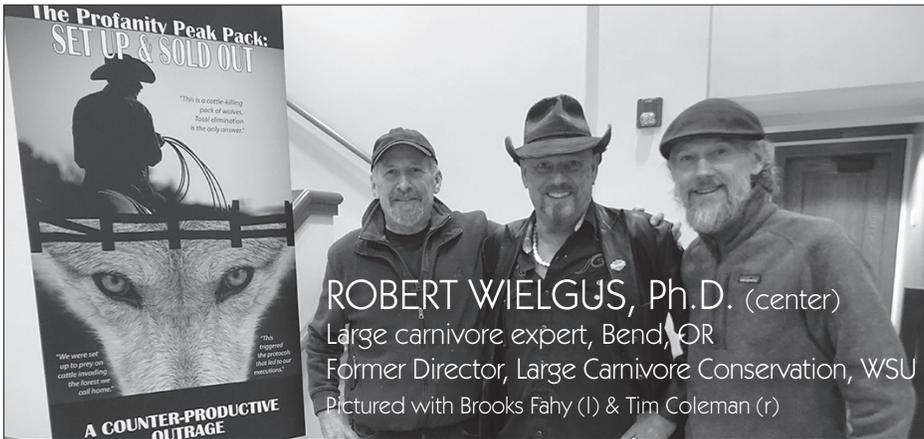
"I had the pleasure of meeting Brooks around 10 years ago and have since spent many evenings emailing him and talking by phone, as well as meeting in person a few times. Brooks' level of dedication to carnivores in North America is unparalleled; it has been a true labor of love. He isn't afraid to butt heads with folks, including state wildlife agencies hell-bent on reducing or even eliminating native wildlife.

Brooks has single-handedly informed thousands of people of how "rigged the system" is in wildlife management, where hunting and livestock interests determine the fate of carnivore populations. In short, Brooks' small, grassroots organization does more on the ground than many larger, more well-funded wildlife protection groups combined.

The name "Predator Defense" is synonymous with Brooks Fahy. He has spent 30 years defending our wildlife. Predator Defense has had many victories, including forcing the poorly named Wildlife Services to modify their lethal policies and state agencies to better protect growing predator populations. They have used science, sanity, and compassion to be an ever-present advocate for those who can't speak for themselves. Hopefully Brooks will be here for another 30 years, speaking his mind, winning lawsuit after lawsuit, and seeing the fruits of his labor pay off with protected populations of predators living in even more areas of North America."



JON WAY, Ph.D.
 Coyote/coywolf expert, Cape Cod, MA
 Founder, Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research
 Pictured with dog Rescue & son Nathan



ROBERT WIELGUS, Ph.D. (center)
 Large carnivore expert, Bend, OR
 Former Director, Large Carnivore Conservation, WSU
 Pictured with Brooks Fahy (l) & Tim Coleman (r)

"Only Brooks Fahy and Predator Defense stood up for wolves, science, and my research lab... If you care about wolves and the scientific truth, support Predator Defense."

"In 2013 the Washington State Legislature appointed and funded me as state leader for wolf livestock conflict research. In 2016, after I had radio-collared and monitored 764 livestock and 15 wolf packs, I reported that none (zero) of 11 "cooperating" ranches—those using nonlethal methods to prevent depredations—suffered any livestock losses to wolves. In fact, the average wolf predation rate statewide in wolf-occupied areas was 0.003 (or 1/3 of 1%).

However, one non-cooperating ranch, the Diamond M, had losses 20 times the state average because the rancher placed salt blocks on a wolf den site and refused to move salt and livestock away from the den during wolf depredations. My research team documented these facts on time-stamped video coverage of the den. After I reported these facts to the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), their Wolf Policy Lead contacted my boss, the Dean of Agriculture at Washington State University (WSU) and told him I was lying and that the Diamond M ranch did everything possible to prevent livestock depredations. These two then drafted and published a national press release claiming I was a liar and a fraud.

I was subsequently investigated by WSU (and exonerated!) for scientific fraud, illegal use of state resources, and fiscal misappropriation. Despite being exonerated of all false charges made by WDFW and WSU, I lost my reputation, position as full professor, and my

world-renowned research laboratory. I am now unemployed.

Throughout this sickening ordeal Brooks Fahy and Predator Defense stood by my side and publicly defended me and my scientific findings. Other so-called wolf advocacy organizations that were members of WDFW's Wolf Advisory Group (WAG), stood idly by and said nothing as I was being dragged through the mud and wolves were being killed by WDFW. One group, Conservation Northwest, actually joined the defamation chorus and publicly denounced me as a liar to the press. Only Brooks and Predator Defense stood up for wolves, science, and my research lab.

In 2020 the same outrageous activity by the Diamond M ranch, WDFW, and the WAG continued. WDFW has now killed 34 wolves in Washington; 85% of these wolf control kills were on behalf of Diamond M. The members of the WAG have gone along with this, rubber-stamping the continuing slaughter. After Predator Defense ran full-page ads in *The Seattle Times*, the public outcry was immense and Governor Inslee requested an end to the senseless killing of wolves on behalf of this one wolf-hating ranch and urged policy reform. If you care about wolves and the scientific truth, support Predator Defense."

Learn more in our documentary, "The Profanity Peak Pack: Set Up & Sold Out," at www.predatordefense.org/profanity.