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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

WOLF RECOVERY FOUNDATION, and
WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT

Original Plaintiffs,

and

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY, GREAT OLD
BROADS FOR WILDERNESS, IDAHO
CONSERVATION LEAGUE, WINTER
WILDLANDS ALLIANCE, WILDERNESS
WATCH, and SIERRA CLUB,

Co-Plaintiffs On Third Claim For Relief

v.

U.S FOREST SERVICE and USDA APHIS
WILDLIFE SERVICES,

Defendants.

No. 09-cv-686-BLW

**DECLARATION OF
MARCEY OLAJOS**

January 20, 2010

My name is Marcey Olajos. I am on the Board of the Center for Biological Diversity, an advocacy group which protects endangered species and habitat across the United States.

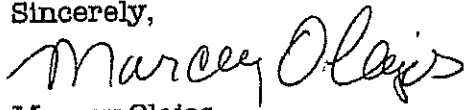
For years I was involved with the Sierra Club's outings program and lead hikes in the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah. I looked on these trips as a means of educating members from around the country about the necessity of protecting wild places, not just for our enjoyment, but for the preservation of species and that habitat necessary for their survival.

In late February, of this year, I plan to travel to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness to observe wildlife. I have never been to this part of the country and look forward to experiencing it during a season when most people would not think of being out in the wilderness.

I have become aware, however, that the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game plans to land helicopters in the FCRONFW to dart and radio-collar wolves for the purpose of "managing" them. I believe that the landing of helicopters in Wilderness areas is prohibited, except in emergency situations. I feel the stress of such an invasive action by the Dept. is not only unnecessary but fraught with risks for the health of the animal. My experience in February would be negatively affected if I were to be in the area of the helicopter traffic.

Beyond my own selfish wishes for an unmarred visit, I know that the Forest Service failed to open the public comment period regarding this action, before issuing the permit to IDFG. In bypassing that requirement of NEPA, the public, including members of the Center for Biological Diversity, have been denied the right to voice their opinions on the tagging of the wolves. Due to this oversight, I am hoping, that before my visit, the Forest Service will halt the action of this permit in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Sincerely,


Marcey Olajos