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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Patrick Tabor
Subject: Fwd: Petition Discussion / Legal Update
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From: **Wickman, Erik** <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 4, 2023, 5:16 PM
Subject: Petition Discussion / Legal Update
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Legal discussion of October petition combined with any needed legal updates.

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From: Ryan Devereaux <ryan.devereaux@proton.me>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:07 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwf.org
Subject: Re: Interview for book on wolf and predator management?

Thanks so much for getting back to me, Commissioner Tabor.

No big changes in my schedule since I last wrote you. I could be up your way any day that works for you. I would genuinely like to spend some time in Region 1 to better understand similarities and differences as compared to Region 3, so I'd probably make a multi-day visit out of it.

Hope to hear from you again soon.

Best,

Ryan

Journalist and writer
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----- Original Message -----

On Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at 12:26 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwf.org> wrote:

Ryan

I just returned from an extended vacation and am now plowing through my emails. I will give the invitation some thought and be back with you.

Pat Tabor
Vice Chairman
FWP Commission

On Sat, Sep 30, 2023, 2:01 PM Ryan Devereaux <ryan.devereaux@proton.me> wrote:

Hi Commissioner Tabor,

My name is Ryan Devereaux and I'm an investigative reporter with The Intercept. I don't know if you'll recall but we exchanged a few emails last summer when I was working on a story looking at the 2021-2022 wolf hunt along the northern border of Yellowstone National Park.

I'm reaching out now because I'm working on a book expanding on that topic and I'd like to sit down with you for an interview if you'd be open to it.

In the year since my initial reporting, I've learned a great deal more about the history and policy decisions that led to that season playing out the way it did. I'd like to think I'm developing a more nuanced and complete picture of the situation.

I've been bouncing around Montana doing interviews for the past month (I live in Arizona), and I'll be around through the end of October. I have a solid understanding of where the wolf advocacy groups are coming from. My focus now is understanding where other participants in the conversation are coming from. I've spoken to Mac Minnard at MOGA; I've interviewed Rep. Fielder

about his legislation; and I've spent a good deal of time talking to locals in the Gardiner and Paradise Valley area.

You have obviously had a singular experience of predator management in Montana these past few years. I know you've taken a ton of flak, but I've also spoken to sources who've come to your defense. I want understand what those years have been like for you — what the greatest challenges have been, what you're most proud of, what lessons you've learned.

There's no way for me to tell this story without including you. I'll do my best to provide readers with the most honest picture of your perspective no matter what, but it would obviously be best coming from you directly.

I'll be in the Kalispell area next weekend. If there's any chance you might have time to get together on the 8th, or potentially the 9th, that would be fantastic. If those dates don't work, I could do basically any another day in October with the exception of the 10th and the 24th. I'm more than happy to drive up your way.

Let me know what you think. I hope to hear from you soon and thank you for your time.

Best,

Ryan

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