



Washington State Legislature

Secretary Haaland
U.S Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC, 20240

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

As state representatives for Washington's 39th Legislative District, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan that would reintroduce grizzly bears to the North Cascades region.

While we respect the efforts of your department to conserve and protect wildlife in this country, we have thoroughly reviewed the proposal plan and have come to the conclusion that its implementation would negatively impact our local communities and ecosystems and put the public at risk.

During the National Park Service's public comment period, we have received direct feedback from our constituents. They oppose this plan. The 39th District is comprised of a diverse range of stakeholders, including farmers, ranchers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Opposition is strong due to the increased risk that would be present for potential conflict between bears and humans.

Moreover, the North Cascades ecosystem is already home to countless wildlife species. The reintroduction of grizzly bears may disrupt the delicate balance of this ecosystem, potentially harming native species and habitats.

In closing, we are asking the U.S. Department of the Interior to immediately suspend the proposed North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Reintroduction Plan. We trust the DOI to seriously consider the concerns of the residents we represent and work toward a more sustainable approach that promotes the well-being of our local communities and natural environment.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Low".

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