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Pacific Wild condemns wolf hunt in the South Peace

Pacific Wild, the non-profit conservation organization, is among the groups condemning the B.C. government plan to save endangered caribou in two different areas of the province. One is in the South Peace, and the other in the South Selkirk region, along the border with Washington and Idaho.

Helicopter hunters are expected to cull 184 wolves, this year alone, as part of a four-year program, to save caribou herds, which are said to be under a wolf extinction threat.

However Pacific Wild is calling the cull “a slaughter” with spokesman Ian McAllister claiming, “After decades of destroying critical caribou habitat...dismantling the Forest Practices Code...and gutting environmental oversight and protection...the BC government in a final desperate act of cruelty has declared a war on wolves.”

Mr. McAllister also argues, “This is not management...it’s a taxpayer funded kill program of one of our most iconic species.”

In summation Pacific Wild claims the government announcement is scientifically unsound and wolves are being used as a scapegoat to divert attention from the fundamental problem of ongoing habit destruction and displacement caused by human encroachment.

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