

Should Interior Secretary Ken Salazar protect America's wildlife or kill it?



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Each year, federal agencies' hired guns shoot wolves, mountain lions and coyotes from low-flying planes and helicopters.

More animals — like grizzly bears and river otters — are ensnared or killed by cyanide booby traps. In all, millions of America's majestic animals have died. And these cruel methods don't discriminate: family pets and federally protected species like bald eagles perish — even unsuspecting people have been harmed.

Federal agencies are waging war on our nation's wildlife instead of protecting it. It's part of a wasteful and ineffective carnivore-control program that has barely changed since it began a century ago — back when wildlife were considered "varmints." But the truth is predation causes just a tiny fraction of livestock losses, making the program a massive and unnecessary subsidy to agribusiness. To make matters worse, the massacre of millions of animals comes at enormous taxpayer expense — \$120 million in 2008 alone.



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's job is to protect the nation's wildlife not kill it.



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