

Tourist



My friend from Japan told me companies are advertising trips for wolf viewing in Yellowstone, and wolves aren't even there yet! I know my family and I would also travel all the way to up there to see wolves.

US Government Official



The US Government doesn't pay people when bears kill their cows. Why should wolves be any different? Anyway, some private organization has already offered to pay for livestock killed by wolves.

Homeowner



I don't like the idea of wolves being so close to my children. I've heard they kill other dogs they come across and I'm just not comfortable with them around when we have pets.

Hunter



I'm worried if they put wolves in the park they will kill too many elk and leave nothing for me to hunt. My family and I eat elk all year long, and it would hurt us not to have that meat in the freezer.

Cattle Rancher #1



Photo courtesy of Donny Marincic, Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

I'm not sure the wolves are as big a deal as everyone is making. My great granddaddy had to deal with wolves and we obviously didn't lose the farm to them. If wolves are reintroduced, we'll find a way to live with them just like he did.

Cattle Rancher #2



It's going to cost me money every time a wolf kills one of my animals. We put money and time into raising each of those calves. The government best plan to pay me for each cow a wolf kills if they decide to put them out here again.

Citizen #1



The wolves that used to live in Yellowstone were smaller, more like coyotes. These Canadian wolves are big super predators. I could handle another coyote or two, but vicious killing machines are a different story.

Citizen #2



Yellowstone is public land full of wildlife that everyone is free to enjoy. If wolves make the park more enjoyable for people, I say we bring them back.

Scientist #1



We know there are benefits of reintroducing top predators to ecosystems. A healthy Yellowstone means cleaner air and water for us, and materials local businesses use. We need the wolves.

Scientist #2



The park isn't the same place it was 100 years ago. Bringing wolves back might restore the ecosystem to how it used to be, or it might change it in an unpredictable way. Whether we reintroduce the wolves or not, there are costs and benefits to consider.

US Fish and Wildlife Service



My job is to find a solution that works for everyone. The loudest voices are 100% for or against wolves. Both are irrational. Reality just isn't that simple. I hope enough people want to understand what we can and can't so I can actually figure out a compromise.

Local Business Owner



I love the idea of wolf reintroduction. Tourists would come from all over to see them. Hungry tourists need to eat and that would really help my business!

Nez Perce Tribe Member



Wolves are sacred to our people. They represent many of our cultural values. If wolves are reintroduced on our lands, we should get a say in how to protect them.