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Mr. Arthur E. Chatfield, III
Wolf Rock Pure Spring Water
371 Broad Street
Providence, RI 2907

Dear Mr. Chatfield:

As a small token of appreciation for your support of the Wolf Project in Yellowstone National Park, I am sending you the *2003 Yellowstone Wolf Project Annual Report*, along with the Wolves of Yellowstone Identification Chart.

When you review the enclosed report, you will notice that the Yellowstone wolf population grew by 17% from 2002 and, at the end of 2003, there were approximately 14 packs in the Park. As wolf numbers increase, the Yellowstone Park Foundation continues to support the Park's efforts to monitor their dispersal patterns, reproductive success, carnivore interactions, and ungulate predation habits.

Because of your generous contributions, the Yellowstone Park Foundation has been able to initiate a number of important wolf project endeavors. In 2003, for example, the Foundation sponsored a record number of wolf tracking collars and project staff were able to place collars on wolves in all but one pack. The Foundation also purchased several advanced satellite technology collars which have allowed project staff to better understand the wolves' summer predation patterns. Your support has also helped the Foundation to fund the Elk Calf Mortality Study, which will determine the carnivores that most often prey upon newborn calves, as well as the Druid Road Management Project, focused on protecting wolves in the Druid Peak Pack as they cross the road from their den to their rendezvous site in the Lamar Valley.

The enclosed Wolf Identification Chart, produced annually by naturalist Jim Halfpenny, offers a different kind of report on wolf populations in the Greater Yellowstone Area. The chart reflects pack sizes from this past May and thus presents a detailed glimpse into the family structures of the area's packs.

Next year, we will be looking forward to celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the reintroduction of the first wolves into Yellowstone. We hope we will be able to count on your support to make the Wolf Project as successful in the next decade as it has been in this past one. Please call us at the Foundation if you would like more information about our current Yellowstone Wolf Project fundraising efforts. You can also access our web page for additional information at www.yypf.org.

Again, thank you for your support. It has made a real difference.

Sincerely,

Lisa Diekmann
Associate Director