

Exhibit 10  
in support of  
Appellants' Motion to Expedite and Consolidate Proceedings in  
*Ctr. for Biological Diversity et al. v. Salazar et al.*,  
Civ. No. 11-35670  
(Declaration of Paul Edwards)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

ALLIANCE FOR THE WILD  
ROCKIES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KEN SALAZAR, et al.,

Defendants.

CV 11-70-M-DWM

CV 11-71-M-DWM

DECLARATION OF PAUL  
EDWARDS

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CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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Defendants.

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1. My name is Paul Edwards. The following facts are personally known to me, and if called as a witness I could and would truthfully testify thereto.

2. This declaration addresses my deep affinity for wolves, my interests in gray wolf recovery in Montana and throughout the Northern Rocky Mountains (Northern Rockies), and the harm to my interests that will result from removing wolves in the Northern Rockies from the protections of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

3. I reside in Helena, Montana and have lived in Helena for 12 years.

4. I have been an outdoorsman all my life, involved in mountaineering, rock climbing, wild country trekking, skiing, and exploration in Montana and around the United States and the world from Botswana to Borneo to Bhutan. I was a hunter and fisherman when I was younger until I learned that what is commonly referred to as sport in killing animals without absolutely vital necessity could neither be justified ethically or existentially, and I quit for good.

5. I have been a student of, and an advocate for, wildlife and the preservation of its essential habitat for decades both as an individual citizen and as a member and officer of environmental organizations and I still am.

6. I am a member and supporter of Western Watersheds Project. I have been involved with and supportive of WWP's work for over 15 years, because I believe they are the most informed watchdog and enforcement organization in matters related to BLM use of public lands. WWP

represents my interests in wolf protection and recovery, and other issues. I am also a board member for the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, and support AWR's efforts to protect and recover wolves as well.

7. I have followed the progress of the effort to allow the re-establishment of a viable wolf population in the Northern Rockies. I have observed the resistance to that effort as it has grown into a mania, fueled and inflamed by those whose hatred of the wolf is a deeply rooted and so often not based upon actual harm to those who espouse this hatred. It is exceedingly important to me to have wolves surviving and flourishing throughout the Northern Rockies, where I live and recreate.

8. My wife and I own a ranch off the Sun River Canyon Road 18 miles northwest of Augusta, Montana where we spend a great deal of time at all seasons. Our ranch, homesteaded by an original settler, is bordered on two sides by the Sun River Game Range, on another by the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and on the fourth by the Sun River itself. Wildlife of all kinds including the apex predators—lions, grizzly, and, rarely, wolves—move through my land along with herds of elk, sheep, and deer. I have put a conservation easement on it with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and I don't allow hunting.

9. Over the twenty years that I have owned the ranch I have climbed every mountain in sight and ranged around, through, and across the Bob Marshall Wilderness which begins at the head of Gibson Lake, some five miles west of our place as the crow flies. In that time I experienced the return of the wolf to that area where it had been totally shot out and extirpated for over a hundred years. Its return was not accomplished by artificial human means: wolves, no longer being killed on sight, and finding the habitat favorable simply slowly and warily began to re-colonize land with a natural prey base where they could live and breed.

10. Some years after I bought the place, I heard the first unmistakable sound of a wolf's howl and I experienced a deep satisfaction, a wonder really, that this apex predator had returned on its own and that I was privileged to have lived to know it.

11. Since that time I have followed the ebb and flow of wolves in my mountains and forest. Three years ago, plowing through late snow in March, my young nephew and I tracked a pair of wolves back into the tough country behind Sawtooth Mountain and found where they had dened for the winter and where pups had just recently been born. We kept our distance, detected no doubt, but far enough away not to give alarm. We looked at each other in joyous amazement, knowing this pack had

made it through a winter and created a new set of young. We left with a glow of joy and didn't go back again until late May when we found the den abandoned and the pack gone with the elk into the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

12. My ranch, and the surrounding areas – the Bob Marshall, the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and the Sun River game range – are areas that I regularly and frequently visit, and I intend to continue to regularly visit these areas. Whenever I visit these areas, I anticipate opportunities to see or hear wolves, and always hope to have that experience. I have also heard and seen wolves in Glacier Park, along the Rocky Mountain Front and in the North Fork Flathead country in all of which I regularly and frequently hike, camp, raft and kayak, and expect to do so for as long as I am able.

13. Knowing that wolves may be present, and having the opportunity to observe them in the wild, enhances my experience in visiting these areas.

14. I feel an affinity for and with the wolf that is not easy to explain and that goes far deeper than simply sympathy for a tough, resilient species that is, for the first time in generations, being grudgingly given the chance to live again and take its proper place as an apex predator in the natural scheme of wildlife. I derive great benefits from observing and hearing

wolves, or seeing signs of wolves on my ranch and in the other areas I visit, including aesthetic, recreational, scientific and spiritual benefits.

15. I feel, as the best scientific minds in wildlife biology have repeatedly agreed, that the wolf has always belonged in the natural mix of flourishing wildlife and that because of human selfishness and error of judgment, it was denied that place and nearly killed off to extinction.

16. For me, the wolf and the controversy around it, is beyond all else, a glaring proof and reminder of how very badly human beings have “managed” the wondrous natural world and in particular their own habitat, ecology, and future. I am upset beyond what words can convey at the current brutish effort to subvert established law and remove protections for wolves and allow them to be managed by states where elected officials and some members of the public seek to kill as many wolves as possible, and undo the recovery that has really just begun.

17. I will continue to advocate personally to defeat this end-run to the established law of our country and to see that the wolf will remain a wild and thriving member of the wild Montana biome. My efforts and interests in this regard will be harmed by the delisting of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies, and the loss of ESA protections for these wolves. I fear what will become of the wolves that occasionally pass through my ranch,

and those in the surrounding areas that I have seen and heard over the years.

18. My interests in wolves and in sharing the land with them, and my efforts to ensure wolves are protected throughout their natural range, will continue to be harmed unless and until the relief requested by the Plaintiffs is granted.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 at Helena, Montana.



Paul Edwards