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## Author: Time for wolf war truce

'Wolf hunting is going to be a reality,' Niemeyer says.

By Cory Hatch

The war over wolves needs a truce, and hunting wolves is perhaps the best way to heal the divide between lovers and haters of the controversial predators, a former federal wolf recovery coordinator said Monday.

"Wolfer" author Carter Niemeyer made the comments in front of a packed house at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

The two sides will start talking when state wildlife officials get to manage the species, and that means hunting, said Niemeyer, who trapped wolves in Canada during recovery efforts in the 1990s, and who later became the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery coordinator for Idaho.

"I really think, as bad as it looks, shooting wolves the only way we're going to start talking to each other," he said. "Wolf hunting is going to be a reality. As long as it's fair chase, I support it. If the wolf is indeed a [trophy game] animal, it ought to be treated with respect. A hunter doing this is the way go."

Wolves have created a culture clash between residents of the rural West who have lived without wolves for decades, and urbanites who enjoy the species following reintroduction.

"There have been surveys done," he said. "The closer you live to wolves, the less you like them."

At the same time, the public needs to support those who feel the biggest impacts from wolves — the ranchers and farmers working where the canids roam.

"It can't be totally at the expense of people who are living on the land and raising livestock," he said.

During the talk, Niemeyer challenged myths and assumptions from both sides of the issue. Wolves aren't fluffy "teddy bears," nor are they waiting by bus stops to kill schoolchildren, he said.

Those myths include statements by Internet bloggers and others who assert



"Wolfer" author Carter Niemeyer and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee Joe Fontaine pose with two wolves they tranquilized in British Columbia in 1996. These "Judas" wolves were radio-collared and released back to their packs to help researchers find wolves for wolf restoration efforts.

the wolves introduced to Yellowstone and central Idaho in the 1990s are some kind of larger, more aggressive breed. Researchers once thought that there were 24 subspecies of wolves roaming

species were pretty much the same size."

After the event, Niemeyer talked more about issues facing Wyoming as federal officials prepare to remove wolves from Endangered Species Act protection. Designating most of the state as a predator zone where wolves could be killed at any time, by any means, without a license puts an undo burden on people living in the state's trophy game zone, he said. Without the trophy game zone, wolves could exist at lower densities, and therefore they might cause fewer problems while maintaining a minimum of 100 wolves and 10 breeding pairs outside of Yellowstone.

"Why do you want to put all your apples in the corner of the basket?" he said. "Those extra 35 or 40 that are running around the rest of the state could ... certainly help balance things. They can always be controlled or managed if they got into livestock."

"I want us all to get along, and I support having wolves on the landscape," Niemeyer said.

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— Carter Niemeyer  
"WOLFER" AUTHOR

North America. With DNA technology, they've identified only five.

"We introduced a wolf that was naturally migrating into western Montana at the time," he said. "To me, they're pretty much the same animal. All these sub-

### WEATHER PICTURE



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Date	Wed. Nov. 9	Thurs. Nov. 10	Fri. Nov. 11	Sat. Nov. 12	Sun. Nov. 13	Mon. Nov. 14	Tues. Nov. 15
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.	7:11 a.m.	7:12 a.m.	7:13 a.m.	7:14 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
Sunset	5:06 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	5:01 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	4:59 p.m.

Snake flow @ Flagg Ranch:  
414 cfs, 122% avg.

Snake flow @ Alpine:  
2,210 cfs, 121% avg.  
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/rt>

Jackson Lake 74% capacity  
<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/burtea.cfm>



Last Quarter  
November 18



First Quarter  
December 2



Full Moon  
November 10



New Moon  
November 24

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November 2	40	9	
November 3	47	11	
November 4	50	15	trace
November 5	28	19	
November 6	32	18	trace
November 7	34	12	
November 8	31	11	

Courtesy Tom Dunham

### THIS WEEK

#### Many hats

Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Jared Reilly is an Iraq War veteran and a doting father, and he hopes to become a skier this winter. While in the Marine Corps, his platoon pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on April 3, 2003.  
See page 5B.

#### Christ on the court

The Upward Basketball program helps children learn skills, teamwork and Christian values. Kris Lunde coaches teams for both his daughter, Kamryn, 11, and his son, Kaleb, 6, and enjoys sharing Jesus with the kids.  
See page 12B.

#### A league of their own

For years, girls in the Jackson Youth Hockey program would quit the sport around age 12 due to the physical nature of playing with boys. Now, Jackson has an under-19 girls team, giving teenage girls in the valley a chance to continue playing the sport they love.  
See page 3C.

#### Reunited Rice sisters

Jackson Hole High School products Ellie and Brooke Rice are leading the seventh-ranked Santa Clara University women's soccer team into the NCAA Tournament this weekend. For Brooke, a freshman, and Ellie, a sophomore, being reunited after spending a year apart has been a blessing.  
See Sports cover.

#### Tomorrow

Take a ragtag assortment of lovable orphans, a trio of con artists, an industrial tycoon and a precocious 11-year-old. Throw in a cute pooch and the president of the United States. Set it during the Great Depression, and what do you get? The mega smash hit musical, "Annie," which Off Square Theatre Company stages this weekend.  
See Stepping Out page 6.

#### Artifacts bound for Arizona

In 1976, Laurance Rockefeller donated 1,429 Native American artifacts to Grand Teton National Park. Last week, the final batch of the David T. Vernon Collection was packed up at the deteriorating Indian Arts Museum at Colter Bay Visitor Center and shipped to the Western Archaeological Conservation Center in Arizona, where the artifacts will be refurbished and stored until Grand Teton can properly display them.  
See Stepping Out page 10.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"I thought we'd stop... but we kept going down and down."*

— Holly Galbraith, driver of the Chevrolet Suburban that crashed with seven teens in Idaho  
(see story page 1A).