



## Montana must control own destiny

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We were told that Missoula's air does not meet federal clean air standards and that wood stoves will most likely be subjected to stricter county-wide regulations.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reintroduced wolves to Montana and several other states without the consent of the residents. Everyone knew that wolves released on federal land would not remain there for long. Negative consequences affecting the people in Montana and other states were given little or no consideration.

The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign and independent state. I would fully support our governor and Legislature in introducing a resolution to the president of the Senate, speaker of the House and its congressional delegation to refrain from passing any federal laws that would violate the rights of the people of Montana protected under the 10th Amendment, which states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

The reintroduction of wolves and clean air regulations are controversial subjects, but we don't need lawmakers from Washington, D.C., to tell us what our course of action should be. Important issues such as these should be decided in our state by its citizens. Our governor set a good example for all of us by rejecting the Real ID Act. We should all read the Constitution, and we'll discover the limitations of federal authority over state sovereignty.

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The above letter reflects my sentiments. I am not in favor of the proposed regulations.

I also do not believe that Stone Container or any other business in Missoula County should be under stricter regulations.

Is the EPA in touch with reality? Don't they understand the economic situation? The amount of people already without jobs (loggers, wood haulers who sell fire wood for income to provide for their families - etc - the trickle down effect). Somebody needs to make a stand against further regulations.

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Sincerely,  
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