

letters

To the Editor:

John W. Laundre, "Mountain Goats in Yellowstone" (**Park Science**, Summer 1991), states that there is no historical evidence for mountain goats in Yellowstone NP. His bibliography, however, gives no indication that archaeological data from Yellowstone NP were consulted in this study. Archaeology is an ideal tool for the research biologist in determining environmental circumstances of the past.

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Further Word From Mary K. Black

To the Editor:

I was perhaps not clear enough in my letter. When I said the killing of wildlife was "philosophically out of context for the NPS," I meant in an ethical, not a policy, sense. This is especially important for the perception the general public has of the Park Service. Further, whether Theodore Roosevelt was a "mighty hunter" does not dispel the increasing public criticism of the so-called National Wildlife Refuge System.

Living by another's rules is not a sound basis for a personal philosophy, nor an escape from personal assessment of one's actions. I am sorry Mr. Lovaas is "disturbed" that I do not believe he cares deeply for wildlife. If reveling in the wild spirit of an animal and the wilderness that nurtured it – while gratuitously taking its life and devouring it – is a mark of caring deeply for nonhuman animals, then disturbed he shall remain.

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