



For the Record...from RMEF

There are various opinions of what RMEF considers its priorities; habitat quality and conservation remain our top priority, but more than ever, there are issues facing elk country which RMEF cannot ignore. We want to state for the record where RMEF stands on a few of these issues. We hope you will share these with other sportsmen.

Hunting: RMEF believes that hunting is conservation. Hunting is a primary tool for managing today's game and predator populations.

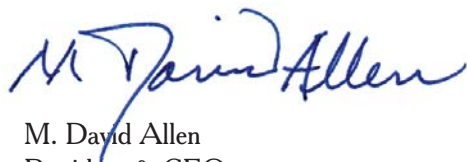
Wolves: RMEF strongly supports management and hunting of gray wolves. In 2009 we became involved in the litigation over wolves, filing legal documents seeking an end to federal protection. Recovery goals for wolves in the Rocky Mountains were attained in 2002. Both population size and breeding pair estimates now exceed these goals by 500 percent and 333 percent, respectively. The western Great Lakes population has also exceeded its population goals. RMEF believes strongly that the broader issue of predator management must not be ignored. Grizzly bears, black bears and mountain lions also have significant impacts on big game populations, and these predators must be managed on balance with big game populations and livestock.

Access: RMEF believes that if the traditional conservation and management successes of hunting are to continue, we must address the issue of hunter access. More and more access to elk country is lost everyday. So far, RMEF has opened for public hunting and other access over 600,000 acres of previously inaccessible lands.

Again, habitat has always been, and will remain, RMEF's primary focus. However, unlike the past, we will no longer be passive toward any threat to elk, other wildlife, their habitat or our proud tradition of hunting as a management tool and a part of our heritage.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support of RMEF!

Respectfully,



M. David Allen
President & CEO

