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## **Press & Media Release**

**WOLF AWARENESS WEEK 2007**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER – ED BANGS – ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOLF RECOVERY**  
**COORDINATOR FOR THE US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE**  
**A CELEBRATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOLF RECOVERY**

JULIAN, Ca. – Saturday, October 20, 2007, the California Wolf Center will be celebrating Wolf Awareness Week with 2 special programs featuring Ed Bangs, Rocky Mountain Wolf Recovery Coordinator.

The day will consist of two SOLD OUT events including an afternoon program from 12 – 2:30 p.m. and an evening event from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. The evening celebration features delicious catered fare, live music, an exciting live auction, and a tour of the Wolf Center that includes a rare evening glimpse at the famous Denali pack.

**INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE.** Ed Bangs, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Rocky Mountain Wolf Recovery Coordinator will be on-hand for both day and evening programs to answer questions and discuss the biological and political aspects of wolf recovery, including recent proposals to take wolves off the endangered species list in certain western states.

**SPECIAL VIEWING.** Wolf Center visitors will have a chance to view never before seen footage of THIRTEEN/WNET NEW YORK'S **NATURE** UNADULTERATED VIEW OF BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL AND SUPREMACY IN YELLOWSTONE ENTITLED **IN THE VALLEY OF THE WOLVES** WHICH MAKES ITS WORLD PREMIERE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 ON PBS TELEVISION.

Shot In HD Over Three Years By Emmy Award-Winning Filmmaker Bob Landis, this Documentary Captures Turf Wars Between Rival Wolf Packs In Heart Of American Wilderness

The Druids are one of the largest wolf packs ever documented, once numbering 37 strong. But when their alpha female is killed by another pack and their patriarch is found dead, their reign over Yellowstone National Park's Lamar Valley comes to a sudden end – at least for a time. **NATURE** details the Druids' dramatic fall from dominance, flight into exile and triumphant return to power amid the stunning beauty of Yellowstone when ***In the Valley of the Wolves*** premieres Sunday, November 4 at 8 p.m. (ET) on PBS (check local listings). It is available in High Definition. The film is produced and shot in HD by Emmy-winning filmmaker Bob Landis, and produced and written by **NATURE** series editor, Janet Hess. Academy Award-winning actor F. Murray Abraham is series narrator. "This is like *West Side Story* in the wild," says Fred Kaufman, executive producer of **NATURE**. "Rival gangs battle for territory, an outcast risks his life for romance, and a family saga spans tragedy and triumph."

Scenes include the tumultuous and decisive battle in which the Druids are dethroned by a rival pack called the Sloughs. Elsewhere, a wolf boldly takes down an elk many times its size, while Lamar's bears, coyotes and eagles must be careful – or clever – when trying to piggyback on the wolves' kills.

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**The California Wolf Center** is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit education, conservation, and research center located in Julian, California and dedicated to increasing the understanding of all North American wildlife by focusing on the role of the gray wolf in ecosystems. In addition to being a participant in the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan, the California Wolf Center offers educational programs to the general public and dedicated programs called Wolf Encounters for students K - 12. The Center also supports on-site behavioral research as well as field research in wolf behavior, biology, and ecology. For more information about the California Wolf Center, visit our website at [www.californiawolfcenter.org](http://www.californiawolfcenter.org).

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