

Petition to Protect Radio-collared Bears in Minnesota

Signatures and Comments from 190 Minnesota Hunters*

Laurie Bonds	Alexandria, Minnesota	03/03/2011
<p>I live with a household of responsible hunters. They don't shoot bambi deer or take too small or large fish. Protected bear should fit into these categories too.</p>		
Anne Garrett	Alexandria, Minnesota	03/04/2011
<p>I am a bear hunter, but there is a line. We have to protect the research bears!</p>		
Mary Spranger	Alexandria, Minnesota	03/04/2011
<p>My family are all hunters and they would not shoot a collared bear as they also like to watch Lily and her family, to learn more about bears.</p>		
Tonia Dufour	Andover, Minnesota	03/05/2011
<p>I am a black bear fan also a hunter.</p>		
John LeVasseur	Andover, Minnesota	03/03/2011
<p>I am a hunter and hunting collared bears is a disgrace. Collared bears have had contact with humans, reducing their fear of us. This leaves them at a great disadvantage. I've come across collared bears while hunting. They don't run off like non collared bear do. This protection is a must.</p>		
Jason Czech	Angora, Minnesota	03/04/2011
<p>I am a hunter and hunt in northern st. louis county. i fully support the protection of radio collared bears, and believe that the research that Dr. Lynn Rogers and other researchers at the NABC and WRI is so very important to our community, our state, our kids, and humanity in general. Please protect these bears. It is the right thing to do!</p>		
Tracy Ahlm	Annandale, Minnesota	03/03/2011
<p>I am a land owner (and property tax payer) in Northern St. Louis County. I am deer, grouse, and pheasant hunter. I would never shoot one of these collared bears! Come on people! We don't need to kill it all....I have no problem with bear hunting. I have never been, but that doesn't mean I won't. I just would never shoot one of these studied bears. They have put in too much time to get their trust. I have enjoyed the den camera this winter and I'm not as afraid of the bears as I once was.</p>		
Kathryn Doane	Anoka, Minnesota	03-13-2011
<p>The men in my family are all hunters and several of my grandchildren follow the bears in school. I enjoy the bears daily.</p>		
Larry McGoey	Anoka, Minnesota	03/10/2011
<p>I am a hunter, but I think there are enough bears in Mn for hunters that they don't have to shoot ones with tags or radios on them. What would be the sport in doing that?</p>		
Sue Persons	Apple Valley, Minnesota	03/03/2011
<p>strong hunting family ties, but would like these bears protected.</p>		
Kimberley Overholser	Appleton, Minnesota	03/09/2011
<p>My whole family hunts. We support the education involved with radio collared bears.</p>		

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Erika Doerr **Arden Hills, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

My father is a hunter and he would not support killing bears who are being used for research. Killing bears with research collars should be illegal.

Roger Jacobs **Austin, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I have hunted for over 40 years and I see no logic to Mr. Tom Landwehr's decision. I also have a biology degree and have learned more about black bears from the NAB research reports and videos than I have known before following Dr. Lynn Rogers and his teams techniques. I am amazed at what he has accomplished with his trust approach research of black bears. We must protect these radio collared bears wearing bright ribbons during the hunting season. It is senseless to do anything short of protection.

Sue Thorpe **Austin, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am a hunter. I believe that the research information that is being gathered is invaluable. I urge you to ban the harvesting of these well marked research bears.

Kathy Martin **Backus, Minnesota** **03/10/2011**

there are a few bears that will have collars with brite ribbons attached, and from waht i ahve read it will only be female bears. My husband is a hunter and does not beleive in brush shots he knows what he is aiming at and picks his target, the excuse of not seeing the ribbons is not a valid reason for non-protection. these bears have a message and we have to be smart enough to unlock it , will the study about these sleeping bears bring on space travel ? could be I have seen so much happen when it comes to research and the resluts it has brought to our future.

Carol Levasseur **Baudette, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

We live in a fierce hunting area and have many hunters in the family none of whom would agree with killing bears with a collar. Is this example we want to show those so called "important future hunters".

Monica Dussault **Baxter, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am in large support of providing protection for these bears that have been studied through generations of their bear family. Dr. Rogers has devoted 44+ years to his research of Bear Behavior as well as love and respect to mankind. Please protect the furture of our children in regards to teachings, please educate the public in not "over reacting" when they approach a bear, but teach them how to safely retreat. All of this can not be possible if these bears are allowed to be "fair Game." I am a fan, a sister to hunters, and a mother to children who are excited to learn about these amazing animals. Thank you.

Nancy Fiereck **Becker, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

The DNR can regulate how many fish, deer and other game that is hunted in Minnesota and often makes yearly changes in those regulations. Dr. Rogers is actually doing the DNR a great service by studying the bear population. The change in the area up north is bound to have an impact on this species. Please work with Dr. Rogers on this effort! I do hunt and fish.

Dave Graning **Becker, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**

I am a bear hunter and would like to see these collared bears protected. There are plenty of other bears to harvest. It is a common sense decision to pass up taking a collared bear.

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Scott Behnke

Bemidji, Minnesota

03/09/2011

I am a hunter but fully respect the work that scientists are trying to do by using these collared bears. The research provided by watching these bears is a benefit to hunters, not a hinderance.

John Mccarthy

Bemidji, Minnesota

03/05/2011

i am a very avid hunter and to shoot these bears is downright stupid. If your worth anything in the woods you can tell the difference and if you can't maybe you should try a different sport.
Ya gotta love the Minnesota DNR!

Tara Wedgewood

Big Lake, Minnesota

03/05/2011

I used to hunt deer, have grown up in a family who hunts. The past few years we have grown very fond of these bears, I have a cabin up in Ely MN and I kind of feel like they are part of my home. Everyday my son(4) and I turn on the cam and watch it together as well as learn together. We have learned so much about these bears we need to protect them. Please listen to us, we have so much more to learn about these bears.

Julie Bakken-Johnson

Bloomington, Minnesota

03/03/2011

I have a lot of family members that are avid hunters and would never ever shoot a radio collared bear!

Linnea Peterson

Bloomington, Minnesota

03/04/2011

I come from a long family history of hunters and my family & I ALL support this PROTECTION of Collared Bears in MN.

Steve Whitney

Bloomington, Minnesota

03/04/2011

I am a big game Archery hunter and believe a collard bear should not be shot, sow or boar. I believe in studying animals to better understand them and for scientific reasons. If an animal is shot a fine should follow, unless it is a life threatening situation and can be proven.

Scott Fisher

Brainerd, Minnesota

03/05/2011

I am a hunter and there is no way to miss the ribbons on these bear. We have to look for horns, it's time to look for ribbons. When they buy a license in a zone with collared bears, all they have to do is tell the the hunter they are in the area and they can watch out for the ribbons. Pretty simple I think

Shelly Neiman

Brainerd, Minnesota

03/10/2011

I am from a bear hunting family. There is no reason NOT to protect these few research bears. The more we know about their lives, habitats, territories, patterns of travel...the better off we're all be.

Marra Roscoe

Brainerd, Minnesota

03/04/2011

I am a fan of the black bears, use the educational resources and am engaged to a hunter who has also included his signature on this petition. There is no valid reason why a research bear should be shot during hunting season.

Jodi Schwen

Brainerd, Minnesota

03/03/2011

I am married to a hunter. I eat wild meat for food. The bears don't need to be hunted because they provide valuable research on the living wild bears, which are a valuable resource in Minnesota. I've been following the bears from the beginning and I've already learned a lot and have been able to share this knowledge with others.

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Rick Kressin **Breckenridge, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

These bears are to valuable to loose to hunting. I am a hunter but believe that these few bears should be protected for the valuable information they are giving.

Paul Kunnick **Brooklyn Center, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

i am a bear, deer, grouse, etc. hunter and don't think there is a problem to watch and wait to be sure what you are shooting at, especially to save research bears.

Kathy Wedgewood **Brooklyn Park, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I support this I have grown up in a hunting family and we all feel this is a must. I watch lily and family all the time with my grandkids. Those are some of my happiest memories

Mary Jo Yokiel **Brooklyn Park, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

As a deer hunter, I am a strong advocate of abiding by hunting rules and regs. Where we hunt in Southern Minnesota we have to deal with neighboring landowner fools who brag about shooting more deer than they have tags for. If we had proof beyond their bragging, we would turn them in !!

John Harrold **Buffalo, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

As a hunter, I believe that it's proper to close black bear hunting in a the research area area petitioned. A lot has been learned already. And much more can be learned by keeping these bears alive for both hunters and non-hunters. There have been significant fimancial, physical and emotional investments toward this research. It is significant. As have been the results. And these investments deseve the opportunity to reap dividends and should not be minimized or waisted.

Justin Westerlund **Buffalo, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am an avid hunter and I think animals need to be protected for research. I support this 100%

Jeff Aldrich **Burnsville, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am a hunter and there are regulations in place when I shoot a deer, when i am duck hunting, if we are required to be able to see a 3 inch antler or what kind of Bird we are shooting hundreds of feet in the air, it is not unreasonable to ask that we look for these brightly colored ribbons on a bear, I think it is quite obvious, more so than a duck up in the air.

Robert Bjorkman **Burnsville, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

As a hunter for almost 50 years, I am accustomed to taking the time and care to differentuate a legal buck and mature doe... and a phesant hen from a rooster ..and take care to make sure no other hunters are in my line of fire ... I do not think it is inappropriate to expect bear hunters to be able to identify and avoid harvesting properly collared research study bears. I believe research bears are an essential asset in the ongoing management and understanding of our native bear population and should be protected.

Fred Kidd **Burnsville, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

I am an avid hunter, but I support valuable research like this!

Jana Kidd **Burnsville, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

My husband is an avid hunter and I support his love of the sport. I believe that protecting radio collared research bears is both important to the indepth research information they provide as well as being just the "right" thing to do.

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Renaë Satre **Clara City, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I'm a black bear fan and want to see the radio collared bears protected. I have family that actually are hunters and they even say there are plenty of bears to hunt without going after the radio collared ones. Please do everything you can to save these bears as they are vital for research. Thanks for your help in this important matter.

Michael Johnson **Cloquet, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

These few bears need protection. As an avid bow and rifle deer hunter, I would never take a shot unless the animal was in range and in full view. I believe any ethical hunter would agree that you could not miss seeing the brightly colored collars with this kind of shot. Why make decisions based on protecting a few unethical "hunters". Protect the research bears!

Karl Petersen **Cloquet, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

with all the bear out there, please take time to identify your target before shooting. where are all the good hunting ethics that our forefathers tried to pass on. glad my dad taught me to be a good hunter. collared bear give vital info to bear research that help give us the opportunity to hunt and enjoy the bears. i am a bear hunter. thank you.

Renee Gibbons **Cohasset, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I live 2 hours from Ely and am from a family of hunters but I strongly believe that collared bears should be protected!

Cris Frenette **Columbia Heights, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

Hunting is a tradition in my family that spans generations. I have hunted all of my life. My love for hunting extends beyond the harvesting of an animal; it is an appreciation and adoration of each species, the outdoors and the miracles of nature. Without question, the more we know about the natural environment the better prepared we can be to do everything we can to preserve it. With that said, there are plenty of non-study bears that can be harvested. The argument that hunters may not see the collars does not hold water; a number one safety rule of hunting is to know your target. If you cannot clearly identify game and bright colored streamers, it is not a situation in which to be shooting. True, if hunters are required to only shoot a buck with a certain size (natural color) antler, avoiding a bear with fluorescent colored streamers is a no-brainer and quite frankly, not too much to ask.

Ramona Strom **Columbia Heights, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**

My husband was a hunter and would definitely not approve of the shooting of a collared bear. Any animal that has had some kind of human contact with them should never be shot. I look at them as vulnerable and they somewhat trust you. I said somewhat trusting but they are definitely wild animals. PLEASE SAVE THEM.

Laura Yrjanson **Cotton, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

As a hunting family all our lives---it will be a tragic if a hunter can not take the time to look before they shoot-- and with ribbons on collars --there is no excuse why a hunter should shoot these animals. The research gathered by these bears is far too important not to protect them.

Judee Butenhoff **Crookston, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

We tell our kids in hunter safety to know what they are shooting at...enforce this law please

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Mary Bauman **Dent, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**

My husband and myself are both hunters. The research bears should be protected because of the knowledge they are sharing with us. There is so much information these bears can teach us and our schools. Bears are so misunderstood and this is one way to truly learn about them first hand. Please.....protect them so we can continue to learn!!

R Williams **Detroit Lakes, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

My family are hunters. They would not shoot radio collared bears. We protect other species by size, or length, so why is it not reasonable to try and help protect research bears? It is a wonderful thing having the school children involved in this study. Only good things can come from helping them to be safe during the hunting season.

Pat Anway **Dexter, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

If we have to look for the points when we are deer hunting I surely think we can look for bright ribbon collared bears. Bears would be much easier to see then the points on a deer.

Barbara Nolte **Dexter, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am a hunter. If I can "count points" on deer, I certainly would be able to see the ribbons on the protected bears collars.

Janet Anderson **Duluth, Minnesota** **03-13-2011**

I was a deer hunter for many years, and had to follow the criteria of looking for horns before shooting, so the DNR's objection to not being able to see these ribbons doesn't hold water to me. Also, the data that is being gathered on these animals lead to educate all of mankind on a newer way to look at nature, as not just something to eat.

Heidi Garrison **Duluth, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

as a hunter I respect the fact that these bears are providing us with so much researc. Every species hunted comes with restrictions of size, sex, etc... putting a restriction on the shooting of collared bears is not asking to much. I support the protection of the research bears 100%.

Ryan Hernesman **Duluth, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am an avid hunter and believe in fair chase. These bears don't have the fear necessary to make their chase fair and should be exempted from being hunted. It's almost like showing up at the zoo to hunt whitetails and ducks!

Justin Jerve **Duluth, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

I'm a hunter (don't hunt bears) and think that with the colorful tags on these bears, there is no reason for them to be shot and killed. For the few bear hunters I know, the amount of other bears out there in the wild should be plenty.

Margi Preus **Duluth, Minnesota** **03-13-2011**

It is incredibly unsportsmanlike to shoot a collared bear. I'm not anti-hunting. I come from a family of hunters, but I can't imagine a real sportsman willfully shooting a collared bear!

Steve Naumann **Dundee, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I am a bear hunter.

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Corey Brown **East Bethel, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I'm a hunter and I am for protecting collared bears.

Daniella Teuber **East Bethel, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am a hunter and I don't see the problem with sparing 12-15 bears for research. We must find a way to live in harmony with nature. Stop and take the time to look for the ribbons, it's called responsible hunting. If your not taking the time to stop and look, how can you guarantee a person isn't standing in the distance who could end up getting shot?

Kevin Eicher **East Bethel, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I Am Avid Bear Hunter & I Personally think these Bears MOST DEFINATLY Should be PROTECTED because to be able to get close to a Bear Like these Folks do For research & Plain Friendship Takes So Much more than Anyone Could ever Imagine It takes Years & Years to do such With that Youve Got Signature
Thanks, Kevin Eicher

Mark Wendroth **Eden Valley, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I am a hunter and was taught as a young boy to always take a second look before pulling the trigger. Bear hunters should do the same and there is no way they won't be able to see the bright duct tape ribbons. Spare a few bears who are so important to this research is not too much to ask.

Roberta Wendroth **Eden Valley, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

Our family has been deer hunters for years and have always been very careful before shooting. I feel that this is not too much to ask of the bear hunters, only common sense. This research is very important. All people, not just hunters, should be able to enjoy the outdoors and the animals. Thank you.

Ann Bodensteiner, Psychologis **Edina, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I come from a family of hunters. Appreciate the sport, but cannot see any sportsmanship in hunting in research areas or shooting at research bears wearing radio collars and ribbons. I am a long time conservationist who has learned so much more than I ever thought possible about the black bear, thanks to the wonderful studies done by the researchers near Ely, Mn. These bears and the education they provide us truly makes them worthy of protection.

Mike McGowan **Edina, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I am a hunter who supports protection of the study bears, it's basic common sense

Rhea Beaudry **Elk River, Minnesota** **03/02/2011**

The educational value of the NABC's research, studies and cam work is unmeasurable. The loss of even one of their bears is terrible, and it takes years and years to gain the trust of another one. I come from a family of hunters, and I understand their love for it, but I feel that research bears should be protected.

Scott Henson **Elko, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

Life member North America Hunting Club

Elizabeth Espointour **Ely, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**

Being a hunter, I would no more shoot a collared bear than I would shoot a cow in the pasture. We don't need to shoot at everything we see!

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Judith Hall	Ely, Minnesota	03/06/2011
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Having been a bear hunter I can tell you that a bear collar can easily be seen if you are in a position to get a good, killing shot. If you don't have a shot like that you should not shoot. It is much more difficult to see a 3" antler on a deer yet that is what you have to look for. I am not asking that bear hunting be eliminated, all I am asking is that collared study bears be protected. Thank you.

Donald Midtling **Ely, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I am a hunter and a black bear fan.

Jim Payne	Eyota, Minnesota	03/10/2011
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I'm A hunter and fisherman. I support the DNR through licencing fees i pay each year. The number of other rules that the DNR puts on me ofent seem over the top, like counting the points on a bucks rack befor I shoot. Way is that a good law and protecting a bear with a clown collar is a bad law I just do not under stand. More over what does it say to the people around the world about minnasota the we can not put a small number of rather large population on bear off limits to study, to teach, and to build bridges into natures way of like.

Margie Halvorson	Fergus Falls, Minnesota	03/07/2011
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So few of our bears are collared and ribboned - the joy they have brought to millions around the globe is surely more important than some SELFISH hunters thinking they "need" access to all bears. UFF DA!! (we are a game bird hunting family and my husband's entire +31 yr. career was with US Dept of Interior: Reclamation & US Fish-Wildlife Service).

Terry Beach **Forest Lake, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I am a mother of a hunter and widow to an avid outdoorsman of all hunting sports

Peggy Miller **Forest Lake, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I HUNT AND I WOULD NOT SHOT A BEAR WITH RIBBONS ON IT THERE ARE A LOT MORE BEARS OUT THERE TOO HUNT PLEASE DO NOT SOOT THE RIBBONED BEARS

Ronald Stager **Glenwood, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

Yes I am a hunter..but not shooting a few collared bears is not a hardship on bear hunters.....Just a little common sense.

Luann Gardas **Grand Rapids, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I'm a hunter and believe that collared bears should be protected!

Pam Olson **Grand Rapids, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I'm a fan of both hunting and protection for research bears! I think it can work

Beverly Swanlund **Hastings, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

Please protect these radio collared bears. How do we learn more when we take a life. If a hunter, and my husband is one, has to distinguish between a buck and a doe then a bear hunter can see these brightly colored ribbons hanging on all sides of the collars.

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- Diane McKeever** **Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**
My son is a hunter and we both enjoy fishing. He would never kill a radio-collared bear. I am a teacher at Hilltop Elementary School. My kids have been following these bears for two years. How could anyone in their right mind want to kill these bears? Like I said, my son is a hunter and he would never ever kill those bears! So many of us are learning so much because of Lynn Rodgers research. Please protect our bears!!
- John Kinzer** **Ironton, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**
I am a hunter and support the future and viability of Black Bears. So lets help the research! Not just for hunters but for all that enjoy these beautiful animals. Any hunter that cannot see the tags or collars, would not be in a position to humanely take the animal.
- Heather Paulsen** **Isle, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**
I am a hunter, and do not believe in taking an animal that is being researched.
- Lynda Rouillard** **Lakeville, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
I am from a hunting family. The collared bears should be protected.
- Audrey Johnson** **Laporte, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**
Researchers have invested alot of time into research of these bears. Why would the DNR want to lose all the information that the research provides just to allow a hunter to shoot the bear. I come from a family of hunters, but with all the fancy high-powered scopes that are on guns these days, I think the DNR should issue protection to these collared bears.
- Shirley Pomrenke** **Lastrup, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**
Deer hunters in this family, but a Lilly the Black Bear Fan. Was dissappointed when the other black bear was shot!! Yes, they should be protected!!
- Kitty McKenzie** **Lino Lakes, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**
Our whole family including adult children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are HUGE black bear fans because of the Lily and Hope Den Cam! All male members in our family are hunters and support the protection of the research bears in Ely!
- Sue Schneider** **Little Falls, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**
I have been hunting black bear in minnesota for 30 years & would never consider taking a bear that has a collar and/or bright ribbons. What a shame that some hunters use no common sense whatsoever and would take a radio collared bear.
- Neil Anderson** **Loretto, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
As a hunter I support protection for the research bears in the study area. As a deer hunter I have to be sure that the deer has a 3 inch antler. Colored ribbons are much easier to see. These bears have much to offer in the research and education arena.
- Deb Gruhlke** **Mankato, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
My husband is a hunter. We both share the importance of the research and protection of the radio collared bears. The way bears are baited and hunted he has no doubt he would be able to see the ribbons on the collared bears.

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Michelle Parsneau **Mankato, Minnesota** **03-13-2011**

My husband hunts, and I have not problem with that. I think, however, that it is not only very wasteful to hunt bears on which research money and time has been spent, but also very dismissive of and disrespectful to scientists and research institutions, which includes educational ones.

Gary Borchardt **Maple Grove, Minnesota** **03/12/2011**

I am a Minnesota hunter, who has shot large and small game. If you cannot identify your target, you have no business shooting! I support protection for the collared bears in research studies, as it is humane and we can all learn from it.

David Peppin **Maple Grove, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I have been a hunter all my life The DNR of Minnesota are wrong on this one. Change it DNR now!! If a hunter cant see a radio Collar on a bear he should not be in the woods with a gun.

Amy Peterson **Maple Grove, Minnesota** **03/10/2011**

My husband is a hunter and agrees if he can't see the ribbons on the bears necks he shouldn't be hunting!

Bill Ralidak **Meadowlands, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

Being a hunter and a sportsman, I would not shoot a collared/ribboned bear.If a hunter can't see bright colored ribbons around a bears neck, they should not be in the woods. Only a few bears are collared for research, there are plenty other bears around to shoot. Let the research continue.

Bob Feuer **Menahga, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

I am a hunter...I don't shoot any game before fully identifying it. Don't shoot radio collared bears.

Margaret Mathison **Milaca, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

My husband and son are bear hunters, they would never take a radio-collared bear.

Debra Jones **Minneapolis, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I come from a family of hunters and believe hunting is a far more humane way of providing meat for our table than feed lots. The protection of radio collared bears requires no more of the hunter than the current restrictions on which deer are legal to take. Protect these valuable research subjects.

AJ Moxom **Minneapolis, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

As a deer hunter I'm required to identify sex and age of a deer before shooting at a distance greater than that commonly used in bear hunting. As a pheasant hunter I'm required to determine pheasant sex before shooting while they are on the wing. If a bear hunter is not taking enough care to look for bright ribbons on a radio collar, they should not be in the woods with a fire arm or bow. The bear study benefits our understanding of these amazing creatures. It also raises awareness of MN tourism nationally and internationally without asking for MN taxpayer money. Protection for radio-collared bears is a measure which should have bi-partisan support from all our government officials.

Lynn Musgrave **Minneapolis, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I hunted in my youth. I was expected to identify bucks from does and count points on antlers. The method of ID used by Dr. Rogers is entirely acceptable.

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Carri Musil **Minneapolis, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am the wife, sister in law, daughter in law and friend of hunters. I support the protection of radio collared bears fully

Earl Athmann **Minnetonka, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I am an avid hunter and we need to keep the research going to ensure the best for nature an man alike!

Deanna Peterson **Minnetonka, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I am not a hunter - but my significant other is an avid hunter. He & I both believe any and all of the research bears should be protected! Hunters should not be shooting anything unless they are 100% sure anyway! It should not be a problem for the hunters to see any collars - as they already must check to see what they are shooting. We have been learning so much from watching and reading about research bears! We must learn to respect nature. Thank you!

Fred Stechmann **Minnetonka, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am a hunter and a sportsman, but killing research bears? Come on. Setting up traps and waiting for them because you know they are unlike any of the other bears....they are really tame because they have been socialized with humans. Get a sport!

If you want to kill...join the Marines.

Glenna Thulin **minnetonka, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

I belong to a family of hunters, although I myself do not, but I support the sport. That said, there is no reason to keep the research bears in Ely at risk from hunters who DO NOT heed the request to not shoot at be-ribboned bears with radio collars, and it is because of those hunters that these bears need to be protected by law. Thank you.

Aalan Cameron **Mora, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I am a hunter. and I feel it is not a fair hunt to kill a bear that is used to humans. and is obviously a research animal.

Karen Watson **New Germany, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

My husband is a hunter and is in full support of not shooting collared bears. We both have been following Lily since last year. We get up in the morning and check on Lily and before we go to bed. Also during the day. What we have learned from NABC and WRI is amazing.

Lisa Isaacson **North Branch, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

My family hunts and doesn't have any issue with taking a second look for the day-glow ribbons before shooting. Its not different than verifying that you aren't shooting a buck if you only have a doe deer tag. These bears are important to research and losing one means a loss of important information and time already spent on researching the bear. This research isn't only important to scientists, but also to adults and children alike with an interest in learning more about wildlife. My daughter shares with her classmates what she has learned each week in show and share. Let's support this cause. All it takes a hunter is a few extra seconds to look for a colored ribbons before they pull the trigger.

Sarea Meyer **North Mankato, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I used to hunt and come from a family of hunters. I use the bear study in my classroom.

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Juditj Dugas

North Oaks, Minnesota

03/05/2011

I was a hunter as a young girl in Wi. I personally think this is about conservation and management. This group is a rare scientific find. Why we in MN can not make a move to protect this small group is unconscienable.

Jan Prohaska

North St. Paul, Minnesota

03/03/2011

My family has hunters, but feel the educational value of collared black bears is too valuable. I have followed dr. Rogers study of his family of black bears that he has studied for 20 years.. He has over 40 years of study!

Nicole Connly

Northfield, Minnesota

03/04/2011

I come from a family of hunters and they all agree there are plenty of bears, deer etc to shoot other than research bears. I am a republican, pro NRA, and don't want anyones rights taken away but this is going too far. I can't believe this bill has not passed to protect these bears!! I am sharing this with all my fb friends to get them to sign!

Carol Larson

Northfield, Minnesota

03/08/2011

Real hunters are conservationists, they have been taught to take a second look as to not injure another hunter or making sure to get a good shot as to not wound their target. I have grown up in a wild game hunting family as did my husband and this is the number one rule in safety. The only inconvenience to a hunter would be that they could not shoot a bear with a radio collar which is clearly marked with bright colored ribbon. We are talking about 15 bears in the most out of all the bears in MN! This is a no brainer! For all the years an money that have been put into this research, holding their fire is the least a true hunter/conservationist could do for this cause. I vote to save the radio collared BEARS and make it illegal.

Robert Watson Jr

Oakdale, Minnesota

03/07/2011

I am a hunter and support the protection of radio collared bears wearing bright ribbons. I know that hunting is done in low light hours but this is no different than deer hunting and looking for 3" of antler. The MN DNR needs to listen to the HUNTERS and citizens of MN as we are the ones pay for your salaries with our huntings license fees and taxes. The MN DNR management that reside in the glass ivory tower in St Paul need to get out and speak in person with people like Dr Lynn Rogers. Its funny how Tom Landwehr wont take his calls personally but the first chance they get to talk to the media , they make time in person. Stop putting politics in front of this and do the right thing for once as the MN DNR never has made the right decision in the past on almost all subjects.

Joan VanGrinsven

Onamia, Minnesota

03/03/2011

Come on people, this is a no brainer! Let the collared bears alone! From a family of hunters!

Mona Aakre

Oronoco, Minnesota

03/04/2011

I am a deer hunter, and I don't think it is too much to ask those that hunt bear to look twice to know what you are shooting at, you will notice the ribbons. If deer hunters have to acknowledge a 3 inch antler, those ribbons are nothing. I realize the baiting issue, but those that hunt in the area these bears reside, you should be aware of that, and scope out your bait areas to see what you are actually bringing into your bait site. If it's a collared bear, you need to rethink your plan and site. Mona

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Becka Watry **Otsego, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

Though I have hunted as a teen and continue to enjoy fishing as an adult, I must say I agree that it is important to consider the enjoyment of wildlife for everyone; not just the hunters. If the hunter can't see this is a collared bear; how does the hunter know it is also not a human in a fur coat? A friend in a rural area was shot at in her fur coat and was missed. She always after that wore orange during any hunting seasons. When hunting it is better to be safe than sorry! Please allow for the use of ribbons instead of ear tags and for making it illegal to shoot a radio-collared bear anytime.

Michael Windey **Ottertail, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

As a sportsman and hunter I have enjoyed watching many animals in the woods. As a sportsman you can see a tag animal. It will be cruel and just wrong to destroy many years of research. Just consider how many lives the bears have touched. They have educated the next generation of sportsman. We should protect the radio collared animals.

Jon Bjorkstrand **Park Rapids, Minnesota** **03/10/2011**

I am a hunter and I cant see any reason why these bears cant be protected. If a hunter cant see the bear good enough to see the ribbons he shouldnt be shooting anyway!

Helen Sheeran **Park Rapids, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I want to see the radio collared bears protected, I use to be a bow hunter and there is no way a hunter cannot notice the bright ribbons! Spare the Radio Collared Bear! PLEASE!!

Laura Nick **Pequot Lakes, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

What they are doing in Ely, MN is the most amazing thing and it is the greatest opportunity for us to learn about these beautiful creatures and even about ourselves as humans. There are plenty of other areas that hunters can utilize. Let these bears have their land. I am an avid hunter but I do have to wonder, haven't we taken enough from animals already, let these bears grow and help us to learn about them!

Wes Urevig **Pine Island, Minnesota** **03/11/2011**

I speak in favor of protecting collared bears. I am a hunter and any up and up hunter understands that research will help my sport. It is only the selfish or unethical hunters that have a proplem with protection of research animals. It only makes common sense that to learn more about a game animal is to assure the success of future hunting. Thanks for your work. Wes

Michael Brower **Pine River, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am a hunter and I see the need for this research. There are too many hunters out there that don't really care.

Mike Griffin **Plymouth, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

As a hunter I feel there is not reason to shoot these research bears. Those who think it is necessary should think again.

Kathy Mahaney **Prior Lake, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

My family lives and hunts in Minnesota. Why would it be any problem for these people to study the collared bears? It would not put a hardship on anyone especially true hunters.

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Dee Kubishak **Proctor, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I enjoy hunting but do NOT believe that a tagged animal should be hunted.

Richard Christian **Ramsey, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am retired, and unable to hunt anymore. I enjoy spending my time watching the bears, and hope that some consideration can be given to us older folks that watch and learn from these researchers efforts. Please at least close the areas/zones these bears are using. I don't think there are any people that have to depend on shooting a collared bear too provide food for their families in Minnesota.

Rick Kramer **Ramsey, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I do deer hunt and have to look for the tags in the ears, so that said it's not any more different to have to look for the ribbons,.

Robert Lee **Randall, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

and yes i am a hunter but i wont hunt black bears

Lisa Cody **Red Wing, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

I grew up in a hunting family and have been a hunter myself for 20 years. Hunting involves not only taking a animal but protecting them also!!! I am proud to sign this petition to do my part to protect radio collared bears!!!!

Marcia Simonson **Richfield, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I come from a hunting family, but we all agree that there are enough bears out there that you don't need to target the research bears.

Gail Jahnke **Rochert, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

This is a simple request. A true hunter respects nature and wants to learn more about nature and wouldn't want to shoot a collared bear. I'm glad I'm from a family of true hunters.

Dianne Janzen **Roosevelt, Minnesota** **03/08/2011**

I am a hunter and I also support legistration to avoid the shooting of collared bears. I have enjoyed watching Lily and Hope with the babies. Please reconsider the decision.

Gail Otremba **Rosemount, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

As a native Minnesotain, from northern MN, retired Federal employee, who also is a responsible hunter. There has to be a way to make this work. Government needs to work with the people not against as seems to be the trend. Look before you shoot is a no brainer. This can work!

Jodi Bentele **Round Lake, Minnesota** **03/07/2011**

Growing up in a hunting family and passing this along to my children has been an important part of our lives. I strongly believe collared bears in MN should be protected to provide additional information to the repository of data on black bears to so their heritage continues in this state for hunters and non-hunters alike for generations to come.

Ronald Buerkle **Rush City, Minnesota** **03/05/2011**

I am a hunter and believe taking an extra few seconds to check for ribbons is not much to expect. Too much research and education is lost when these bears are killed.

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Penny Selting **Sandstone, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

My husband is a hunter, and I just hunt from a camera, but we support making it a law to ban hunters from shooting radio-collared bears or any animals that may be collared. We need to be able to learn and observe to gain knowledge. I love the Hope and Lilly websight and look forward to hearing and seeing more. Thank you Dr. Lyn Rogers! A fan! Penny Selting

Lewis Neuman **Sartell, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I'm a hunter, they should be able to restrict the shooting of collared bears

Autumn Alsleben Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 03/04/2011

I am a hunter, however I feel that anything that can assist in education needs to be protected. Furthermore, Hunters are taught to be 100% sure of what they are shooting at before they shoot. So would it be so bad to ask them to be a bit more aware of weather or not there is a collar on the bear they have in their sights? I think not, and I see nothing wrong with penalizing those that don't take a second look.

Kara Bresnahan Shakopee, Minnesota 03/05/2011

As a hunter if I can see the length of a bucks horns then I think I should be competent enough to watch for a collar.

Michael Hegedus **Shakopee, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

I am a hunter but i do not think it is right to shoot these collared bears. They are tame bears that are use to interacting with people. There is no sport in shooting bears like that!

Kim Porter **Shakopee, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**

As a hunter, I can't imagine shooting a bear with colored flags around it's neck. The flags make the bear special, purposeful. These bears need to be protected.

Joe Barbosa **St Paul, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

As a hunter I fully support this petition.

Ed Stack St. Cloud, Minnesota 03/04/2011

You have to be a true idiot to shoot a collared bear and I am a hunter. What satisfaction would anyone get out of shooting one of these bears?

Glen Moore **St. Paul, Minnesota** **03/09/2011**

The collars are necessary to study the bears and consequently insure the population for the future. To harvest a collared bear only hinders collecting valuable data. If we don't conduct the research, hunters may be asking, "what happened to the bears", when the population drastically declines. I am a hunter, although not for bear. I wouldn't shoot a collared white tail deer during the season. Law or no law. Some things just make sense!

Dave Keller Stacy, Minnesota 03/04/2011

I am a hunter and have hunted black bears. I see no reason why anyone would NEED to shoot one of these research bears. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the den cams and following the progress of these bears.

Lee Tagg **Stanchfield, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**

I am a hunter and support the efforts of the WRI and the NABC in Ely ,MN.

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- Andrew Thompson** **Stewartville, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**
I have hunted bear in the past, My feeling on tagged bears is they are study animals and NEED to be left alone. I was hunting the year 2 of Lynn's collared bears were shot. That pissed me off. If you need a bear that bad, they sell them on Ebay!!!
- Blake Trantham** **Stillwater, Minnesota** **03-13-2011**
I have hunted in the bear research area. The collared bears have become an amazing educational and economic resource and should be protected.
- Harriette Wock** **Stillwater, Minnesota** **03/04/2011**
My husband is a bear hunter, and I can say that if he ever shot a collared animal of any sort, he would be shot once he got home.
- Dan Peterson** **Trimont, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
If I as a deer hunter need to look for antlers of any size before I shoot at a deer. I think a bear hunter should be just fine looking for a bright ribbon on a radio collar. If its too dark to see those bright ribbons, I think its too dark to be shooting. These bears have been the best information about bears the world has EVER seen...lets keep this research able to continue! There are different harvest laws on deer in certain areas...I don't think 12 bears in a small area of Northern Mn should be too hard to protect.
- Donn Nelson** **Two Harbors, Minnesota** **03/06/2011**
i cant believe some wood shoot a animal thats is for reseach. im a hunter it makes me very upset
- Thomas Rootness** **Two Harbors, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
As a hunter I do NOT think it is unreasonable to ask hunters to not shoot collared bears w/florescent ribbons displayed.
- Evan Steiner** **Vadnais Heights, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
I have hunted all my life and I whole heartedly support the protection of collared research bears. It a terrible waste of tax payers money and donations to have all this research done on a radio collared bear only to have it destroyed needlessly.
- Michael Ayres** **Virginia, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
Hunter
- Nicole Ayres** **Virginia, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
I am a hunter
- Joanne Mitchell** **Walker, Minnesota** **03/10/2011**
I am a hunter, and would be devistated if I shot a collared bear! I enjoy learning about the bears and watching the webcam!
- Lovie Graham** **Warren, Minnesota** **03/03/2011**
I am a hunter---required to check a deer for antlers before I shoot---I think a bear hunter should also be required to "check" for collars before he/she shoots

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Kath O'Keefe	Woodbury, Minnesota	03/03/2011
I come from a family of hunters who are with me on this!		
Diane Rude	Woodbury, Minnesota	03/12/2011
I am a hunter and also respect the studies of Bear and Deer, I would love to see these animals protected, I Respect a collar on any game animal, And work with the DNR, with sightings and facts		
Gary Workman	Woodbury, Minnesota	03/03/2011
As a former hunter I believe most hunters would not shoot any animal if it was protected and being used for research. Requiring the researchers to provide and maintain brightly colored ribbons on the radio collared would greatly reduce the potential of these valuable reseach bears being shot by conscientious hunters.		
Tina Bennett	Zimmerman, Minnesota	03/04/2011
We are avid hunters and we fully support the protection of the bears in this study.		
Bill Potrament	Zimmerman, Minnesota	03/03/2011
I come from a long line of hunting enthusiasts. Philosophically I am not opposed to hunting. HOWEVER I do believe these particular bears should be protected. The more we can learn from this study the better off we as people are. Insight as to how we can co-habitate is invaluable !!		
Jennifer Wudtke	Zimmerman, Minnesota	03/10/2011
We are a family of hunters		