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Robinson shouldn't be cited as an authority

Dear editor,

It would be nice if you would cite other sources than Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Research

for wolf and jaguar issues.

His qualifications as an expert, according to the Center for Biological Diversity's Web site, are a master's degree in

literature.

This qualifies him to write fiction, something he is apparently quite good at, but not an expert on anything but his own opinion.

How about asking wildlife biologists or environmentalists?

(s) Michele Connelly
Silver City

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Robinson is considered an expert

Dear editor,

Ms. Michele Connelly appears to be remarkably uninformed in her letter questioning Michael Robinson's qualifications to speak to wolf and jaguar issues.

Mr. Robinson has written a comprehensive history of the wolf in particular, and predators in general, in "Predatory Bureaucracy, the Extermination of Wolves and the Transformation of the West."

This definitive 475-page volume was published by

the University of Colorado Press in 2005. The research is exhaustive, so, too, the annotation.

Yet, it is thoroughly engrossing because of the density of interesting information and excellent writing. It is no wonder that the press continually seeks out Michael's statements about the predicament of wolves and jaguars. He is unquestionably an expert.

As David R. Parsons, former Mexican wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said:

"'Predatory Bureaucracy' should be read by all who care about wildlife conservation, especially government biologists."

So, Michele, if you want some information and fascinating reading this winter, get a hold of "Predatory Bureaucracy." You will then understand why the prevalence of Michael Robinson's comments in the discussion around wolves and jaguars.

(s) Rinda Metz
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