IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION



WILDEARTH GUARDIANS,

Plaintiff,

and

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,

Consolidated-Plaintiff,

VS.

UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE; et al.,

Defendants,

and

MONTANA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION, and FUR INFORMATION COUNCIL OF AMERICA,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Lead Case No. CV 16–65–M–DWM

Member Case No. CV 17–99–M–DWM

ORDER

The State of Montana has moved for the admission *pro hac vice* of Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General Gabe Johnson-Karp. (Doc. 88.) The

motion indicates the attorneys general of Montana, Wyoming, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Alaska wish to support the Federal Defendants by filing an amici curiae brief. The threshold question is "what is added by an additional brief?" Local Rule 7.5 requires parties obtain permission of the Court before any amicus brief may be filed. If the Rule 7.5 motion is to be granted there must be some indication as to how an amicus brief will aid or expedite resolution of the pending issues. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is DENIED subject to renewal upon compliance with Local Rule 7.5.

Dated this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of February, 2018.

Donald W. Molloy, District Judge

United States District Court