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Don Neubacher, Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes, CA 94956

RE: Non-native deer management plan

Dear Superintendent Neubacher:

I understand that the Point Reyes National Seashore is weighing different removal strategies for the beautiful fallow and axis deer within the park boundaries. I hope the Park can avoid removing any deer by lethal means.

I encourage the national park system and the American people to explore and pioneer compassionate solutions in this complex and ever changing world. As the world gets smaller, and boundaries are erased, the issue of newly introduced species to new environs becomes all the more common. The Point Reyes National Seashore Park has an opportunity to give alternative technologies a chance and to provide a source of data to help all of our parklands with this ever-growing challenge.

The destruction of wildlife around the world is reaching appalling levels, from the shooting of the Arctic wolf in Alaska, the clubbing of baby harp seals in Eastern Canada to the shooting of the magnificent Russian bear in Russia. And all too often, these killings are sanctioned or subsidized by our world governments and park systems.

This cycle cannot continue. Our role – as scientists, citizens and National Park employees – must be to sustain life, not to destroy it. We must oppose the senseless killing of life for any reason and choose alternatives to the lethal removal currently under consideration in your park.

I hope you will take this opportunity to implement strategies that value and cherish the amazing creatures with whom we share this world.

Sincerely,

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