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Cruel intentions

While hiking up Sweat House Creek in the Bitterroot my dog was lured into a leg hold trap baited with three pheasants and two rabbits. Contrary to Don Bothwell's beliefs (see "Trapping the heartstrings," Jan. 15, 2009), she did not simply nap but screamed louder than anything I have heard in my life. Her foot was broken and permanently disabled. It was horrifying for me and extremely stressful for my dog.

Trapping is just plain cruel. It's not hunting. It's not a sport. It's barbaric and should be banned. Bothwell and all those involved in the "Howler Hauler" clearly have no respect for animals and give real hunters a bad name. It's deplorable to kill for the sake of killing. It's unfortunate there are people like Bothwell in this world, who obviously knows nothing about the torture he inflicts on his prey.

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