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SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES "Reintroduction of Yellowstone Wolves"

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM), will continue its ongoing informal, educational lecture series "Science After Dark" at 6:30pm, November 18, 2015, at Luis Wine Bar in San Luis Obispo. The series is scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month through June, 2016 (second Wednesday in December). Visit www.ccstem.org for details of future topics and locations.

Through photographs and illustrations, David Clendenen will recount the history of wolves in Yellowstone, including their extirpation in the early 1900's, their controversial and wildly successful reintroduction in 1995, as well as the political and social backlash that has resulted from their re-colonization of public and private lands across the Rocky Mountains. David and his wife Sherryl have volunteered 2-3 weeks each summer with the National Park Services' Wolf Reintroduction Program for 12 of the last 13 years, beginning in 2003, when they first visited Yellowstone together.

Clendenen has enjoyed a 33-year career in conservation since graduating from Cal Poly in 1981 with a degree in Wildlife Biology. He worked for 15 years as a field biologist on the California Condor Recovery Program, then 16 years with The Wildlands Conservancy, as Preserve Manager and Ecologist at Wind Wolves Preserve, in Kern County. David returned to San Luis Obispo in 2014, after a year working on habitat conservation in the San Joaquin Valley with Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting, and currently serves as Land Manager for Morro Coast Audubon Society, and is a full-time lab technician in the Biological Sciences Department at Cal Poly.

Where:	Luis Wine Bar, 1021 Higuera Street, SLO (must be over age 21)
Date:	Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Time:	Discussion starts at 6:30pm, come early to get settled and order your beverage. Light
	appetizers available for purchase, or you may bring your own food. All beverages must be purchased at
	Luis Wine Bar. Selections include wine, beer, organic sodas, coffee, and tea.
Cost:	\$5.00 cover charge

Originally dubbed "Pub Science Nights," Science After Dark is modeled after similar traditions established in other cities across the country. As a program of CCSTEM, Science After Dark is a fun way to get people excited about science, while also helping boost business at each hosted venue. The ten-month series is presented with support from the City of San Luis Obispo, and the SLO Children's Museum.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ScienceAfterDarkSLO or www.ccstem.org.

CCSTEM is a regional affiliate of the California STEM Learning Network (CSLNet). The statewide network was created in 2011 to advance STEM teaching and learning in local communities. All of tomorrow's workers will need the analytical, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) impart. CCSTEM is committed to enhancing and promoting STEM learning and developing career readiness in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties by fostering the collective impact of local, state, and national stakeholders.