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Dear Friend,

The proposal to dump tons of toxic rodent poison across the Farallon Islands has caught the attention of thousands of people in the San Francisco Bay Area and nationwide... and with good reason!

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This proposal would kill the non-native house mice at the risk of potentially hundreds of non-target animals like Burrowing Owls and native gulls. [Please help us tell the US Fish and Wildlife Service there has to be another way!](#)

WildCare representatives attended the Public Scoping Meeting on this issue held on May 12, 2011, where US Fish and Wildlife officials stated that the project to eradicate mice on the islands is still in its very beginning stages. Although the released [Scoping Document](#) focused on rodenticides as the preferred method of eradication, officials said they are open to suggestions and alternative options.

[**Please sign WildCare's petition! Your comments will be hand-delivered to Fish and Wildlife officials.**](#)

The Public Comment Period for the proposal's EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) has been extended until June 10, 2011. [**Your comments on the petition**](#) and those of thousands of others will help argue for a more environmentally sustainable solution!

Every day WildCare's Wildlife Hospital sees the disastrous effects of using toxic poisons to control rodent and other pest populations. Brodifacoum (the proposed rodenticide to be used) is a very dangerous and persistent poison. Eradication of house mice on the Farallones may be necessary, but a safe and environmentally responsible method must be used to do so.



Ashy Storm Petrels need the Farallones for nesting, but Burrowing Owls drawn by mouse populations can prey on their chicks. Photo by Duncan Wright from Wikimedia Images



Burrowing Owls feast on mice until mouse populations decline in their natural cycle, at which time they may turn to Ashy Storm Petrel chicks. Photo by Tom Grey



Thank you for signing WildCare's petition and for [helping us spread the word](#) about this potentially catastrophic proposal.

Sincerely,

Maggie Sergio
Director of Wildlife Advocacy
WildCare

The non-native Siberian house mouse is the focus of the controversy. While rodent control may be necessary, is eliminating this mouse worth dropping a toxic poison all over the fragile Farallon Islands?

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