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Notice of Availability for Public Comment Environmental Assessment: Gray Wolf Damage and Conflict Management in Wyoming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (WS) program has released an Environmental Assessment (EA), "Gray Wolf Damage and Conflict Management in Wyoming" for public review. The EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts of alternatives for WS' involvement in wolf damage management (WDM) in the State. The EA was prepared in cooperation with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and in consultation with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management and the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

The proposed action (Alternative 1) is to continue the current Wyoming WS WDM program that uses an integrated approach involving a variety of methods to reduce adverse impacts of wolves on livestock and other domestic animals, and reduce risks to human health and safety from bold or habituated wolves. Other alternatives considered include an alternative in which WS would only use and recommend nonlethal WDM methods and an alternative in which WS would not be involved in WDM in Wyoming

Wyoming WS is requesting that the public review and provide their comments on the EA. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the EA at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0029 or by contacting: USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, P.O. Box 67, Casper, WY. 82602-0067 (307) 261-5336. Comments may be submitted to the web address or mailing address listed above. We ask that all comments be submitted by **November 25, 2015**. All comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record and will be released for public review as required and allowed by law.

