

Draft Gray Wolf Management Plan

Comments received via mail and fax.
October 2007

INDEX TO WRITTEN COMMENTS

A total of 45 written comments were received during the public comment period surrounding release of the *Draft Gray Wolf Management Plan*. These included letters and faxes. Each comment was assigned a reference number at the time of processing (i.e. 00001, etc.). Similarly, an index of all those who submitted comments was developed. In preparation of distribution of the written comments to the Commission, a cross-reference was done to ensure there were no duplicates with comments submitted electronically on the Department's new Electronic Commenting System. One duplicate was found (i.e. 000011), so noted and removed from the listing. The index is arranged here in chronological order, based on date of receipt. Following the index are copies of all the written comments received during the public comment period.

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| 000038 | Cramer (Sublette County Commissioners) | William | Pinedale | Wyoming |
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| 000040 | Camenzind (Jackson Hole Cons. Alliance) | Franz | Jackson | Wyoming |
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Kathy Brekken
Colter Bay Staff RV Park
P.O. Box 606
Moran, Wyo. 83013

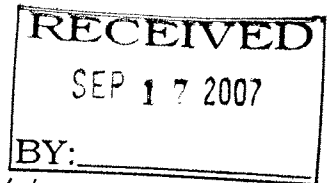
Dear Game and fish Staff,

I recently read an article in the Jackson Daily Newspaper regarding removal of wolves from the endangered species act. I am greatly concerned that any changes made at this time would return the wolves to an endangered species. My background is in biology and I am also a hunter. I do know that more wolves would end up being harvested than what would be allowed, since controversy has surrounded the wolf issue for years, and ranchers would rather exterminate the wolves entirely. I grew up in Wyoming and have followed these issues for years. The wolves were here long before the ranchers. The wolves are extremely critical to nature's balance here. Anytime we, as humans, upset nature's delicate balance other problems develop. I would hate to see the gain made in attempt to re-establish nature's balance, be disturbed again. Please consider your decisions very carefully. Thank you for your time and attention to comments from voters in our wonderful state.

Sincerely,


9.12.07

Dear Sirs:



I am writing in regards to the wolf plan. First, I do not feel delisting wolves from the Endangered Species List is wise or humane.

Secondly, it is my perception that ranchers and hunters should not have an influence on a government agency which can lead to the decimation of a species of animal with such a long history as the wolf.

I believe the Fish & Game department has a deep moral and ethical responsibility to support all wildlife in balance with nature and man. I do not believe there is a genuine ethical argument to support the abandonment of this protective role.

Please don't allow the noble, intelligent wolf to be reduced to a "trophy animal". There is something base in the human need to lord it over a wild animal using a superior weapon. Give the wolves your absolute highest possible support and protection. The world is impoverished by their killing.

Sincerely,

Mauna Shea

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Wyoming Game & Fish:

BY:

As a biologist I can tell you that there isn't enough DNA in 100 wolves to perpetuate the species. The inevitable inbreeding will weaken the species more and more until they are no longer viable. But of course that's what you hunters want! You don't want wolves killing "your game". But it isn't your game. It's everybody's wildlife, and that includes the wolves, which evolved with the wild ungulates. An old Eskimo proverb says that the wolf and the caribou are one: the caribou feeds the wolf and the wolf keeps the caribou strong. There are no caribou in Wyoming, but the same type of predator-prey relationship holds true here.

As for wolves preying on livestock, the livestock shouldn't be in wolf

habitat. We've got to stop all this welfare ranching. The policy must be that when livestock comes into conflict with wildlife, you remove the livestock, not the wildlife.

Glynn Webb
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TO: Wyoming Game & Fish
Subj: Wolf Comments.

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| BY: |

I am in complete agreement with the State of Wyoming wolf management plan. The only way I could see improving the plan is by placing a "county" on each wolf.

I just returned from Alaska and saw what the unchecked wolf program up there has done to the moose population. I live in S.W. Montana and have seen the reduction in all game species, especially elk since the introduction of the wolf to that area via YNP. I only wish that Montana FWP had the guts to present a similar wolf management plan.

Good luck.

Bob Steinmann
1627 W. Main #287
Bozeman, MT 59715

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To the State of Wyoming,

Thank you for taking ~~Comments~~ Comments on your proposed wolf management plan!

The wolf studies coming out of the research work in Yellowstone Nat'l. PK. show that a natural environment needs the wolf to maintain a healthy balance, not only with other animals but with plants as well.

I urge you to follow Montana by working to maintain the current population. It is important that we not keep repeating our past mistakes, so become a leader to other states and find non-~~lethal~~ lethal methods to resolve problems + conflicts. This is a rare chance for humans to think outside the "box" and find new ways to live with nature instead of to resist all she has to offer us.

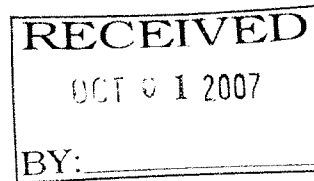
Our national parks were created to preserve nature for all of us to enjoy. This should include the wolf, too! Please work to safeguard all the values in the Grand Teton Nat'l. Park. What a mark it would be against the current legislative body in the state of Wyo. if they choose to do anything else!

Thanks + Regards!

Lyn + Bruce Benedict

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Wolf Comments
Wyoming Game and Fish Department
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006



September 26, 2007

Dear Wyoming Game and Fish Commission,

The wolves of the northern Rockies, still endangered in the United States, perform a valuable role in the maintenance of a healthy and balanced ecosystem by preying on elk. Controlling these wolves by killing them will only result in the destruction of the diverse ecosystem in which the elk population subsists. Please protect this ecosystem by NOT engaging in the "License to Kill" plan. Please continue to protect the endangered wolves by not adopting Wyoming's Revised Wolf Management Plan.

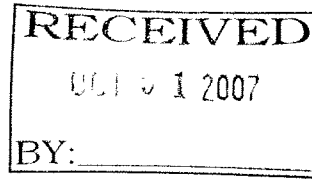
Sincerely,

Jamie Jones
Jamie Jones

5540 33rd Ave S
MPLS, MN 55417

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Cheyenne, WY 82006



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Cavert".

Elizabeth Cavert
241 Brimhall St. #105
St. Paul, MN
55105

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Janet A. Hoglund

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BY: -

What kind of a state is Wyoming when they invite wolves to live and breed here - and when the wolves succeed - want to kill them?

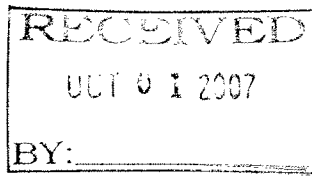
Why can't Wyoming be more responsible, like Montana, and buy and maintain a long term population

Killing these impressive animals is reprehensible!! Surely there are enough intelligent wildlife managers in Wyoming - they can find a more humane solution.

Wolves have become an important part of the Wyoming scene. Don't destroy these very special animals.

Janet A. Hoglund

September 28-07



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn J. Rowe".

Kathryn J Rowe
1667 Palace Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Wolves are a vital part of a natural ecosystem and without them, herds of elk (as in MN + WI, whitetail deer) can become a problem. If hunters are concerned about the decreased numbers of elk from wolves, packs generally hunt the sick and weak - NOT the big game that hunters are after. Please protect this precious species!

Ruth E. HAOK
436 Mt Hwy 87
Camden, N.J. 08102

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Sept. 26, 2007

Dear Sir,

In regards to your wolf management program, please do not kill the Grand Teton wolves and consider using non-lethal methods to prevent conflicts and only lethal methods as a last resort.

Please consider keeping a long-term population instead of shooting hundreds of wolves.

Thank you for reading my comments. You will make the right decision.

Sincerely,
Ruth E. Haok

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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006

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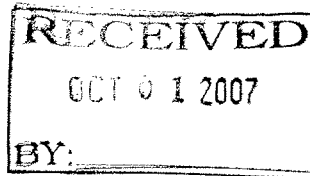
Sincerely,



JOHN NETSCH
4932 35TH AVE S
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417

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Cheyenne, WY 82006



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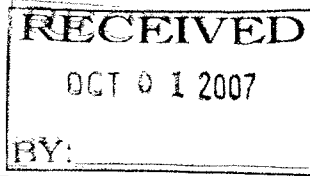
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Alldredge".

Kevin Alldredge
579 Ashland Ave
St. Paul, MN 55102



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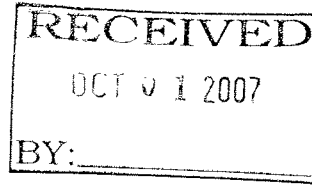
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole D. Goeden".

Nicole D. Goeden
1936 Juliet Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

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5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006



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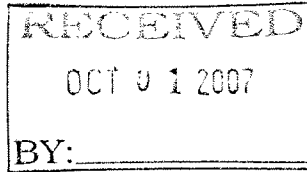
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Sincerely,

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Robert Ubbelohde
334 Albert St. S
St. Paul, MN 55105



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Cheyenne, WY 82006

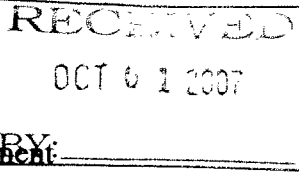
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Sincerely,

Emily Becker
412 DAYTON AVE #2
ST. PAUL, MN 55102



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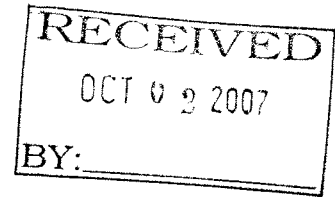
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Gilbert".

JESSICA GILBERT
590 HOLLY AVE. APT 15
ST. PAUL MN 55102

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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006



To whom it may concern;

The wolf issue is of great concern. Wolves ancestors date back to prehistoric times. The National Geographic Magazine published an excellent article about wolves. The wolf is an important part of this eco system.

I'm asking you to please manage wolves based on maintaining the current population and not based on an arbitrary goal of shooting hundreds of wolves.

I'm asking you to please use non-lethal methods to resolve and prevent conflicts and only to use lethal methods as a last resort.

Please do not kill Grand Teton's wolves.

I'm urging you to please do what is right for the environment, the eco-system and most importantly, the Wolves. Thank you.

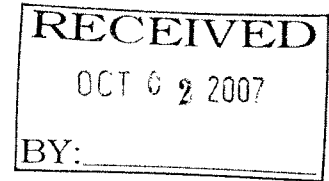
Sincerely,

Patty Dickerson
Po Box 160672
Big Sky, MT
59716



Working Today for Wildlife's Tomorrow!

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September 20, 2007

To: Mr. Terry Cleveland, Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
From: Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Subject: Statement regarding Wyoming's Draft Gray Wolf Management Plan

Dear Terry:

The Wyoming Wildlife Federation (WWF) supports Wyoming's September 2007 Draft Gray Wolf Management Plan as presented. While WWF believes that statewide trophy game status for the gray wolf provides the best scientific management model for wolves in Wyoming, we acknowledge that dual classification, as outlined in the plan, provides a viable option, and we support the Plan as written. Approval of this Plan will allow for this species, which has met and exceeded recovery goals, to be delisted and managed at the State level, which we applaud. We have full confidence that the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will, under this plan, be able to manage a viable population of wolves in the State of Wyoming while recognizing and managing for their impacts on other land and resource users.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully,

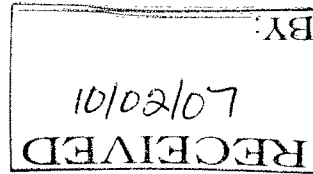
Dave Bragonier, President
Board of Directors
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
986 Lane 13 ½
Powell, WY 82435
Phone: (307) 754-5686

cc: Bill Williams, DVM

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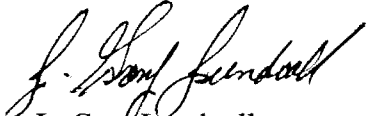
September 20, 2007

Wy G&F Department
5400 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, Wy. 82006



Wolf Comments:

Attached herewith are my comments on the new wolf plan.


L. Gary Lundvall
114 Monument Hill Road
Cody, Wy 82414

The Honorable Dave Freudenthal
State Capitol Building
Cheyenne, Wy 82002

Dear Governor Freudenthal

Approximately 100 years ago the federal government funded the State to the tune of about one hundred fifty thousand dollars to help in the eradication of the wolf. Wildlife populations were low, livestock depredation was continuous.

Through good stewardship on public and private lands our wildlife populations rebounded. One hundred years later we are once again feeling the savagery of a large meat eating carnivore predator, "The Wolf". He is once again having a detrimental impact on wildlife, hunters and sportsmen, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the State of Wyoming and the livestock industry. It should go without saying that you can't put more predators out than you have prey and expect wildlife populations to survive and thrive.

The wolf was introduced as Non Essential, Experimental. To me that means he isn't necessary and it is an experiment to see if the wolf is more compatible in the 21st century than he was in the 19th and 20th century. I believe we have found out He Is Not!

When I look at the positives and the negatives the wolf has burdened us with it is overwhelmingly negative. Perhaps we have sold a few more t-shirts, we have indeed furthered the agenda of the environmental organizations, to rid ourselves of public land grazing, infringement on private lands and private property rights, timbering, mineral development, hunting and recreational opportunities. The list could go on and on. The negatives in my view are extremely detrimental to the economy of the State of Wyoming. There is a chain reaction too much of what we profess to hold near and dear when we allow this kind of bullying by the Federal Government. We talk of preserving open spaces, yet when we remove public land grazing for livestock producers, they are forced into developing their lands. When the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has to reduce license sales because of predation it deprives Recreation and Sportspeople of opportunities and their license buying provides the WG&FD with revenue to manage wildlife. G&F in turn seeks taxpayer support to maintain their status quo. We begin paying more for building materials, petroleum products and see a trend to seek recreational opportunities elsewhere thus shutting the trickle down economic pump off. No, the wolf is not worth it!

It is not a time for negotiations but a time for action. That action needs to be implemented immediately. Remove the wolf. The State of Wyoming has control of all wildlife within its' boundaries. We are a sovereign state and State Sovereignty should prevail. Should the United States Fish And Wildlife want the wolf in our federal parks, so be it, but he is a predator in the rest of the state.

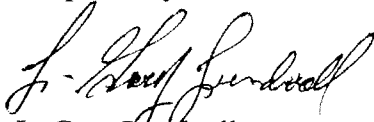
I've seen the hysterical response of 300 head of elk with wolves in pursuit. I've fixed the fences that were tore out as a result. It isn't necessarily the kill that takes the biggest toll although that is a major part, but the stress beyond endurance that compounds the issue.

I've seen the excitability in livestock with wolves. Trying to keep them on a pasture. The stress, weight loss, conception factors etc.

I am an affected party and as such a whole lot more standing should be given to those affected by the wolf. After all it is their livelihood at stake. I'm sitting on a perch of zero tolerance.

I wonder if the bureaucrats know why we had a revolution? But oh no that would require a history assignment and I'm positive that is not standard operating procedure. It must be so much fun repeating historyyyy.

Respectfully submitted



L. Gary Lundvall
114 Monument Hill Road
Cody, Wy 82414
Ph. 307-587-3992

ccUSFW

USFW
Western Grey Wolf Coordinator
385 Shepard Lane
Helena, Montana 59601

My comments on the deal brokered between the State of Wyoming and The USFW.

1. I do favor the modification of the 10J rule.

2. From all of the rhetoric I hear on how we need to conserve open space and preserve habitat, I've come to the conclusion it is just rhetoric. Well over fifty percent of Wyoming's wildlife makes a living on private property and it is free. Now you want to drop a bomb on Northwest Wyoming by giving us (out of the goodness of your heart) the wolf. I'm not sure the ranching industry can survive the wolf. I as a rancher should not be burdened by another predator to take up my time, my resources and reduce my ability to make a living ranching. You as Government Agencies leave me with few options. Your scorched earth policy on the ranching business in Northwest Wyoming may be a fire you wish you had never set

Keep the Wolf off private and multiple use lands. The wolf is not needed nor wanted by those whose living comes from the land. It is ill conceived, without merit and amounts to a takings on my industry. You as Government agencies are eroding what you claim to be championing. Irresponsible is the only description I can give those responsible for this wolf plan



L. Gary Lundvall
114 Monument Hill Road
Cody, Wyoming 82414

Cc Governor Dave Freudenthal