

History of Wolf Management in Wyoming



1920s

Gray wolves extirpated from the western U.S.

1974

All gray wolves in the U.S. (except Alaska) listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act

1994

A plan is put into place to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone, Central Idaho, and Northwestern Montana as an experimental, non-essential population. This will allow wolves to be killed outside of Yellowstone.

1995

Fourteen wolves captured in Alberta and relocated to Yellowstone.

2004

Idaho's and Montana's management plans for wolves after removal from the ESA are approved. Wyoming's plan wasn't approved because it didn't allow sufficient recovery levels in the states. The plan as written allowed for wolves to be listed as a predator in 85% of the state and killed at any time.

2009

Gray wolves are delisted from the ESA in Montana and Idaho, but not Wyoming- the Wyoming plan was still considered inadequate.

2012

After discussions between Wyoming and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create an acceptable post-delisting management plan, gray wolves are delisted in Wyoming. From 2012- 2015, the state holds hunting seasons in the trophy game area.

2014

Gray wolves are relisted in Wyoming and protected from hunting once again. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service files suit to appeal the decision.

2017

The U.S. Court of Appeals reverses a U.S. District Court decision and issues a final mandate delisting wolves in Wyoming. This reverts management authority back to the state. Immediately, Wyoming set hunting seasons for the fall of 2017 and listed wolves as predators in nearly 85% of the state.

WYOMING'S WAR ON WOLVES

Wyoming is required to maintain at least **150** wolves and **15** breeding pairs to keep state management.



Yellowstone and Wind River Reservation are required to have at least **50** wolves and **5** breeding pairs.



The **rest of the state** is required to maintain only **100** wolves and **10** breeding pairs.

Wyoming has set its wolf management number to **160**.



On average, Wyoming is home to about **300** wolves.



Each year, Wyoming kills **50%** of its wolf population- and has no interest in allowing wolves to live outside of the Northwest corner of the state.

Wolves are considered **trophy animals** in northwest Wyoming and **predatory animals** the entire rest of the state.

TROPHY ANIMAL

- Regulated by WY Game and Fish
- Need license and stamp to hunt- seasons and quotas that limit hunting.
- **Black bear, mountain lion, gray wolf**



PREDATORY ANIMAL

- Regulated by WY Dept. of Agriculture
- No license needed; excluded from ethical and fair-chase rules. Can be killed any time of year by any means.
- **Coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk, cat, gray wolf**



WY Wolf Management Information

[Final Wyoming Gray Wolf Management Plan](#)

[Wyoming Wolf Management Plan Addendum](#)



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Write a letter to Governor Gordon & ask to allow wolves to live in other parts of Wyoming.

Write a letter to our WY Game & Fish Commissioners around early June (season setting time) & ask for lower wolf quotas in trophy areas.

By mail:

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon
State Capitol
200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

By email:

governor@wyo.gov

If you're out of state, let the Governor or Commissioners know you visit WY and spend money to see wolves.

Write a letter to Wyoming Department of Tourism & explain how you visit the state to see wolves.

Contact specific legislators in Wyoming and ask that wolf hunting end in WY or that wolves be classified as trophy animals state-wide.

Wyoming Office of Tourism
5611 High Plains Road
Cheyenne, WY 82007
TEL: 307-777-7777
E-MAIL: tourism@wyo.gov
TOLL FREE: 800-225-5996

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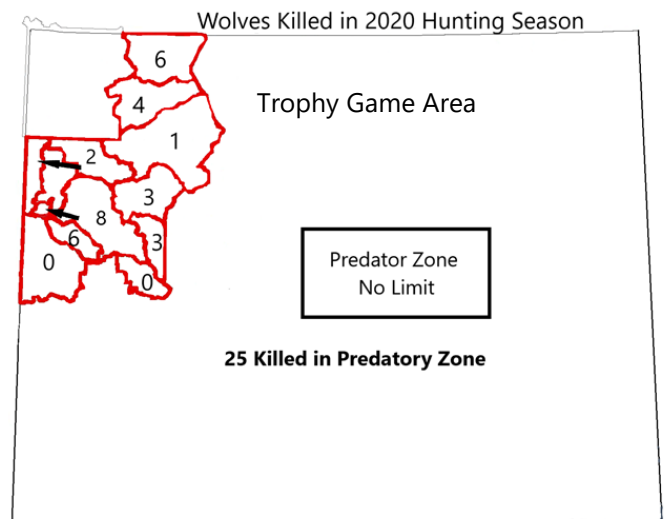
Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

Share information with friends and family

Inform people how Wyoming's wolves are treated, that the state manages only 160 wolves, and that protections should be reinstated for wolves nationwide.

The more people know about the mistreatment of wolves in Wyoming and speak out, the closer we get to changing things for the better

TOTAL CAUSES OF WOLF MORTALITY IN WYOMING 2019



Contact Info:

[WY Governor Mark Gordon](#)
[WY Game and Fish Commissioners](#)
[WY Legislators](#)

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