

## **Exhibit F**

**Public Correspondence received as of  
April 9, 2015**

## ODFW WildlifeInfo

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**From:** Deer Trapper <deer\_trapper@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wolves

I hear the concern for livestock and wolves, my concern is for the wildlife. Wolves are being seen and reported in SW Oregon. We do not have the populations of deer and elk to support packs of wolves. Have you documented depredation on moose calves in NE Oregon. We won't have moose in Oregon now will we.

I worked for DeWaine Jackson for 13 years on deer projects and have hunted for 35 years.

In the future ODFW will stand for Oregon Department of Fish and Wolves.

Please respond.

Jeff Orr PO Box 791, Roseburg, OR 97470 541-580-7404

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**From:** Lonny Hytrek <lhytrek@hytrekcpa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 11:45 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk Bowhunting

I wish to complain about the restriction of elk bowhunting to bull only in the upper part of eastern Oregon. I have hunted there for more than 35 years and the number of cows taken is insignificant compared to other forms of elk loss. This unnecessarily reduces the bowhunters ability to harvest an elk. Why don't you do more to control wolves, which I am quite sure is the main reason for loss of cows and calves. I have clients who own property in the mountains and they tell me the losses from wolves is much greater then is being publicized.

Lonny Hytrek  
Ontario, OR



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**From:** Vincent <vincent@thewolfarmy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2014 4:40 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Living with wolves by fixing the base diet.

Please pass this on to your department that deals with the wolf introduction.

Dear Sirs,

Let me commend you on your diligent efforts to create a healthy wolf population. The ODFW is probably on the forefront of the struggle to get wolves settled and to educate farmers and rangers to live in harmony with these controversial yet fascinating creatures.

My name is Vincent Kennard. You don't know me but I am the author of The Wolf Chronicles which is a fantasy novel so it has very little bearing on what I am about to suggest.

I am also the founder of The Wolf Army International. An international organization for the preservation and reintroduction of wolves in the wild. With that we mean the wilderness areas still available for them.

When it comes to wolves I am no layman. I have lived with them for two years in the Urals and done a lot of research on their behavioural patterns. I have been studying them since 1978.

I may have a solution to your problems with wolves taking livestock. I do not say that wolves will not take livestock. That will be folly. No they will but very seldom. If livestock are protected properly I doubt there will be more than ten incidents a year and usually it will be because of a slip up by the particular farmer. Yes be aware of their presence.

The problem that arises and why wolves do take the easiest available prey is as old as the conflict between man and wolves. That wolves are being robbed of their staple diet. Rodents, hare, rabbits, ground birds, deer, elk, moose and bison but in particular the small creatures.

These small creatures form the base of most farmers sport shooting and hunting. They are also wiped out for being "pests" but what is forgotten along the way is that these creatures are the natural "easy" food for wolves that keeps them going through winter and bad times. It also serves as the introduction phase of the wolf juveniles' hunting education.

Unlike many people think, wolves do not hunt for fun which you will obviously know. They are also not successful with every hunt with a low success rate of about 20% when hunting large prey. So most of the time they are extremely hungry, especially with the lack of the easy staple diets.

Re introduce these small creatures indigenous to the areas where your wolves habituate and do it in great numbers and you will find a sudden downward trend on livestock depredation.

Please also note:

No matter what anti wolf factions try to profess, wolves do not increase indefinitely. They are self regulating in that way. When food and territory are available they will increase in number. When times are tough they will decrease as they have smaller to no litters, pup survival is low and pack battles with rival packs increase as they try to expand territories to gain more food. They are their own worst enemy.

My vision for wolves globally is that they are quite capable of co living with us. We must learn to live with them. Not to reintroduce them close to cities and to educate livestock farmers to farm with awareness of their presence. Also educate them to reintroduce the small creatures where there is lack. Shooting wolves on a public hunt basis will increase livestock depredation especially in the absence of natural "easy" prey. Keep to

the rules and we can learn to live with nature and one of its iconic predators by being educated, vigil, and aware.

Feel free to ask anything on wolf behavior. I will be only to happy to oblige.

I hope you take note of my advice and I wish you all good luck in your endeavors to make Oregon a wilderness friendly state.

Yours sincerely  
Vincent A Kennard

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**From:** Bruce & Monica Lawson <bmlaw@wvi.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 06, 2014 10:06 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolves

**Importance:** High

I would like to know where OR-7's mate came from?

How did another wolf show up in his area without the department knowing or tracking this animal?

As much as the wolves are being monitored and watched I am very curious on how this occurred and nothing (at least that I read ) about it in the news, or from the department, until there were pups?

Thanks

Bruce F. Lawson

[bmlaw@wvi.com](mailto:bmlaw@wvi.com)

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**From:** Lance Christian <lancec99@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2014 9:34 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** One citizen's wish.

Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I am writing today as a citizen of Oregon to urge you to do all you can to protect gray wolf habitat and populations in the State of Oregon.

Just last year there was a legal settlement to find balance between wolf habitat/population and ranchers interests. I urge you to abide by agreement, reject wolf-killing proposals, and keep recovery on track. The interests of the entire population of our great state are not represented by the ranching industry who clearly want protection status lifted and open gps coordinates so they can kill/poach wolves. Please follow the will of the majority of Oregonians and do all you can from your regulatory position to protect gray wolf habitat and population.

Sincerely,

Lance Christian  
1806 SE 57th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97215

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** Keep Protections for Wolves

-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Earthdove-Tinket [<mailto:neekah4@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:37 AM

To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

Subject: Keep Protections for Wolves

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The Dalles, OR 97058



## ODFW WildlifeInfo

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**Subject:** FW: Wolf management

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From: Becki Nesbitt [<mailto:benezbe1@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 10:06 PM

To: [ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us)

Subject: Wolf management

Please do not delist the wolf as an endangered species. Please do not count on the dollars you gain from hunting tags sold to support the killing of wolves. Please do not use my tax dollars in your effort to gain support of killing wolves. Based on true facts of live stock loss due to wolf kills you have no grounds. Please do not fall into the money hungry trophy hunters pocket. Please do your job and protect wildlife with my tax dollars.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** bigdavis08 <bigdavis08@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 6:10 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolves

Just a note. I've been hunting and buying tags in oregon for 30 + years I will no longer buy them I do not support my dollars to wolf enhancement and growth. Good luck I will be hunting states that control there wildlife properly including predators. So far I only have 5 other hunters who will follow my direction but will continue to recruit more.my goal is to cut your revenue!

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

**From:** [Mark Johnson](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#); [debbie Bacigalupi](#)  
**Cc:** [WHITMAN Richard M. \\* GOV](#); [Bert](#); [James Beers](#); [Don Meamber](#); [BreideDP@jacksoncounty.org](#); [ray Haupt](#)  
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661 words

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**From:** [Shannon Wall](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep Protections for Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:12:45 PM

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**Subject:** Give wolves a fair chance  
**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:51:27 AM

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I am writing to express my concern over the fate of wolves in the lower 48 states. The status of the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act is clearly a highly controversial issue that has emotions running high. I believe wolves are amazing creatures that have an important (and scientifically supported) niche in the ecosystem in which they historically existed, and represent a tangible face of the wild many of us feel we have lost. However, regardless of personal opinions, the facts alone in this matter are enough to speak against the delisting of the gray wolf.

Please listen to the peer review panel that has asserted the proposal to strip gray wolves of Endangered Species Act protections is misguided and not based on the best available science. Wolves have begun an inspiring comeback in the lower 48 states, including a historic journey through Mt. Hood National Forest that dominated headlines in Portland, Oregon just last week! I hope you will make the right decision to give these remarkable creatures a chance at recovery in their historic range, and allow our ecosystems, including the Pacific Northwest ecosystem I live within, to enjoy the benefits of top predator recovery. Please withdraw the proposal to delist the gray wolf.

john paul castiaux  
4026 n kerby ave  
portland, OR 97227

**From:** Terri Denton  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** RE: Wolves  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:16:40 PM

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To who it may concern:

#1) I would like to ascertain when a wolf is collared what information is taken and recorded.

#2) Does the wolf receive any preventative maintenance routine vaccinations for disease control ?

#3) Is blood drawn on the wolf for DNA classifications and further testing for diseases other than in the field ? I am aware scat is tested for DNA & disease when wolf body is not present.

Please advise which department maintains and retains those records, please provide name and contact information.

Thank you,

Terri Denton  
[walthers2312@hotmail.com](mailto:walthers2312@hotmail.com)  
PO Box 186  
Heppner, Or 97836

**From:** [Shelley Burgess](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Union County Resolution  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:53:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission.pdf](#)

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Please see attached cover letter and resolution from the Union County Board of Commissioners

*Shelley*

Shelley Burgess

Administrative Officer

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**UNION COUNTY  
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Steve McClure Commissioner  
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Jack Howard, Commissioner

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February 24, 2015

Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission  
4034 Fairview Drive, SE  
Salem, OR 97302  
[odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

Dear Commission Members:

On February 4, 2015, the Union County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted attached Resolution 2015-02, urging the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission to take steps to delist gray wolves under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. This resolution was passed because the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists have documented the required numbers for delisting as indicated in the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

Also included for your review is information from the Cattleman's Association regarding the economic impacts of wolves in Northeast Oregon.

Thank you for reviewing and considering this information.

Sincerely,

*Mark D. Davidson*  
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Mark D. Davidson  
Commission Chair

Attachments

BE IT REMEMBERED, that at a regular term of the Board of Commissioners of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, sitting for the transaction of County business, begun and held at the Joseph Building Annex in the City of La Grande, in said County and State when were present:

The Honorable Mark D. Davidson Chairman  
Steve McClure Commissioner  
Jack Howard Commissioner

WHEN, on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 2015, among others the following proceedings were had to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION	)	RESOLUTION
URGING THE OREGON FISH &	)	2015-02
WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO TAKE	)	
STEPS TO DELIST GRAY WOLVES	)	
UNDER THE OREGON ENDANGERED	)	
SPECIES ACT	)	

WHEREAS, Gray wolves were listed as "endangered" under the Federal Endangered Species Act in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Gray wolves east of Hwy 395, 78 and 95 were federally delisted on May 5, 2011 but remain listed under the Oregon Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission directed the development of a Wolf Conservation and Management Plan to meet the requirements of both the Oregon ESA and the Oregon Wildlife Policy, which was adopted in December 2005; and

WHEREAS the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan was updated in 2010 and focused on methods and procedures to protect wolves in the early stages of implementation so that the species could be delisted and a self-sustaining population persist; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was built to meet the five delisting criteria identified in state statutes and administrative rules:

- The species is not now (and is not likely in the foreseeable future to be) in danger of extinction in any significant portion of its range in Oregon or in danger of becoming endangered; and
- The species' natural reproductive potential is not in danger of failure due to limited population numbers, disease, predation, or other natural or human-related factors affecting its continued existence; and
- Most populations are not undergoing imminent or active deterioration of range or primary habitat; and
- Over-utilization of the species or its habitat for commercial, recreational, scientific, or education purposes is not occurring or likely to occur; and
- Existing state or federal programs or regulations are adequate to protect the species and its habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Plan describes the measures the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will take to conserve and manage the species which included actions that could be taken to protect livestock from wolf depredation and address human safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, one of those provisions states that "Wolves may be considered for statewide delisting once the population reaches four breeding pairs for three consecutive years in Eastern Oregon. Four breeding pairs are considered the minimum conservation population objective, also described as Phase 1."; and



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2015-02  
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WHEREAS, Once the wolf is delisted, more options are available to address wolf-livestock conflict. While there are five to seven breeding pairs, livestock producers may kill a wolf pursuant to the Oregon Wolf Plan. Five to seven breeding pairs is considered Phase 2; and

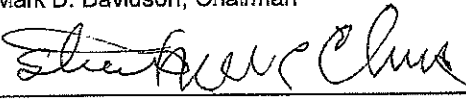
WHEREAS, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife biologists documented seven breeding pairs of wolves in Oregon in 2014, six of those pairs in Northeast Oregon; and

WHEREAS, delisting gray wolves sends a message to the rural communities, livestock producers, and sportsmen, that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission intends for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to manage gray wolves by the adopted plan and control populations and limit effects on livestock and game populations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Union County Board of Commissioners urges the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to take immediate steps to delist gray wolves in Oregon.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
Mark D. Davidson, Chairman

  
Steve McClure, Commissioner

  
Jack Howard, Commissioner

**From:** [David M.](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** protection for the wolf  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:14:41 AM

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I read today OR DF&W is considering removing protection for the wolf in our great state. 77 wolves a recovery does not make. Do not give in to the special interests hoping to make a buck off this keystone species. Follow the science, not political pressure.

David Michalek  
Hood River

•We are the asteroid.

## ODFW WildlifeInfo

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**From:** Stewart, Janine (CWS) <Janine.Stewart@gov.mb.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:36 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Verbiwski, Barry (CWS); Berezanski, Dean (CWS)  
**Subject:** Report: Oregon wolves up, livestock attack cases down

Good morning,

I was emailed the news article below from a colleague. The highlighted text refers to preventative measures that were undertaken in Oregon for reducing wolf attacks on livestock. It appears that these measures are having some success. I could not find any information on your department's website to indicate what prevention measures were being funded. Could you please forward me some information that describes these prevention measures? A contact name and number for follow-up and additional information would also be helpful.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Janine Stewart  
Human-Wildlife Conflict Biologist | Wildlife Branch | Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship |  
Box 640 Swan River, Manitoba | R0L 1Z0 |  
☎: 204-281-2924 | ☎: 204-734-4210 | ✉: janine.stewart@gov.mb.ca | [www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/wildlife](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/wildlife)

## **WOLF NUMBERS** Report: Oregon wolves up, livestock attack cases down

May 'bode well' for delisting as animals thrive

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Biologists found 77 wolves, compared with 64 last year. For the first time, there is a pack in the southern Cascades, as well as another pair of wolves.

Wallowa County rancher Todd Nash, chairman of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association wolf committee, said the report "bodes well" for delisting, showing wolves continue to thrive.

While acknowledging that preventative measures for reducing wolf attacks on livestock were working, he felt that wolves in counties with intensive prevention efforts were moving to other locations, such as Baker County and remote national forest grazing allotments.

He added that ranchers were noticing more missing cattle, and there were likely many more than the census documented because of the difficulty of finding every wolf.

Steve Pedery of the conservation group Oregon Wild says a slow rate of population growth should give the commission reason to move slowly on delisting.

"You'll struggle to find a credible scientist willing to say a couple dozen wolves in the northeast corner of the state is a real recovery," Pedery said in a statement. "ODFW must resist giving into political pressure, declare mission accomplished, and turn their back on important protections for wolves that have gotten this far."

The federal government has lifted wolf protections in the eastern third of the state, and it has proposed lifting them in the western two-thirds of the state.

The number of wolves in Oregon has been steadily growing since the first pack was documented in 2009. They are descended from wolves reintroduced into the Northern Rockies in the 1990s. Until then, the last known wolf in Oregon was shot in 1946 by a bounty hunter in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide area of the southern Cascades.

Oregon now has nine packs, with eight of them producing pups. Among them is the Rogue pack in the southern Cascades, with the famous wandering wolf OR-7 at its head. He and his mate had three pups survive to the end of the year. Another pair has established itself in nearby territory to the south. He and his pack have not been blamed for a livestock attack. The report said GPS tracking collar data showed 82 percent of his 355-square-mile territory is on public lands.

The Imnaha pack, Oregon's first, has a new alpha female, who did not produce pups this year.

Four of the nine confirmed packs attacked livestock in 2014, the report said. They were the Imnaha, Mt. Emily, Umatilla River and Meacham packs, as well as a group of wolves in the Chesnimnus area. There were 11 confirmed cases of wolf attacks on livestock, down from 13 in 2013. The number of livestock lost was up sharply, due to a rise in sheep deaths. Three cattle were confirmed killed, and 30 sheep, compared with six sheep and five cattle in 2013. Most attacks came in spring and fall.

The state wolf compensation fund paid \$8,482 for dead livestock, the bulk of it in Wallowa County, and \$33,878 for missing livestock, with more than half of that in Baker County. A total of \$105,500 was spent on prevention in seven counties, with the bulk of it going to Wallowa and Umatilla counties.

Public interest was also up. The department's webpage got 193,020 views, up about 21,000 from 2013.

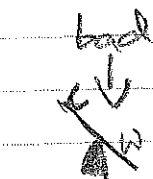
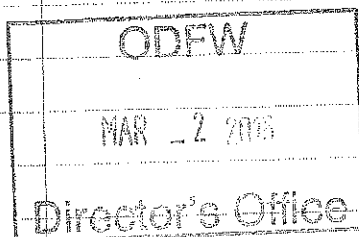
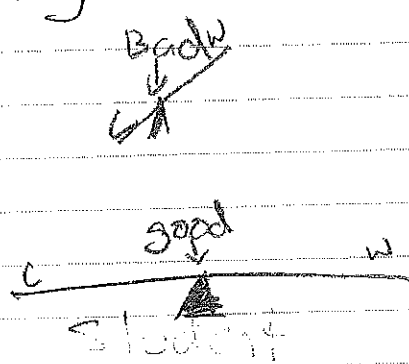
# ODFW

I want you to keep the wolves on the endangered species list because the wolf packs are still so fragile, we should still have at least a couple more years for scientists to study them.

They are only on Oregon's endangered species list, because around 7 years ago, even when the scientists argued they argued that the wolves were still so fragile and they probably would not survive if they weren't on the endangered species list.

Wolf population is increasing, while livestock killing is decreasing.

Wolves keep coyotes in check, like a see-saw. If the wolf end goes down, the coyotes eat more. If the wolf end goes up, then there will be less coyotes and the wolves will starve, so we need to keep the see-saw right in the middle. That is a good ecosystem. (See diagram under next).



w = wolves  
c = coyotes

a student at  
John Muir Magnet School,  
3rd grade,  
Teacher: Capilla Siders,  
March 1, 2006

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: Continue protection for Oregon's wolves under the Endangered Species Act (In Main Folder)

**From:** Serenity Madrone [<mailto:serenity.madrone@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 8:24 PM

**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Continue protection for Oregon's wolves under the Endangered Species Act

Dear Mr. Elicker,

A petition has been submitted calling on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to continue protection's for the state's wolves under the Endangered Species Act. You can view the petition [here](#). Thousands of concerned citizens have already signed their names.

As a lifelong Oregonian, I am deeply concerned that our great state could lose these apex predators forever before they even have a chance to reestablish themselves here. Some ranchers continue to see wolves as the ultimate evil, despite the fact that more livestock are killed in auto accidents each year than by wolves. Without them to thin elk and deer herds of weak, sick animals the entire food chain is at risk should wolves lose their protection. All we have to do is look to Wyoming where the wolves are once again being ruthlessly hunted to a fraction of their numbers now that protection have eroded.

Please, ensure that Oregon's wolves are here to stay. Maintain their protected status under the Endangered Species Act.

Sincerely,  
Serenity Madrone

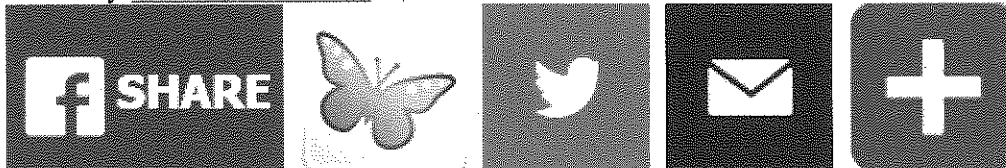
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## Demand Protections for Threatened Wolves

Posted by [Serenity Manziessii](#)



**Target:** Roy Elicker, CEO of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Goal:** Demand that officials maintain protections for Oregon's wolves under the Endangered Species Act, rather than delisting the animals and making it legal to hunt them

The rugged mountains of Eastern Oregon have seen the return of a few hearty wolves, much to the delight of conservationists. But cattle ranchers in the sparsely-populated region are up in arms, many of them determined to kill every last wolf and pup. The state's Endangered Species Act has offered much-needed protection, but there is a real risk the animals will be delisted in 2015. And that could spell the end, once again, of Oregon's elusive gray wolves.

Oregon was considered "wolf free" for more than 50 years after a government bounty on the beasts resulted in their extermination. Other western wolf packs saw a similar fate. Because deer and elk herds require predation to ensure their health, wolves were re-introduced to Yellowstone National Park in the late 1990's. Within a few years the first wolves had made their way to Oregon, and the battle began anew.

Since their 2012 federal delisting nearly half of all gray wolves in the United States have been ruthlessly slaughtered. Biologists estimate that less than 1,900 remain in the wild, according to *Willamette Week*. Oregon's wolf population is but a fraction of the whole, at some 64 individuals; yet ranchers and hunters eager to halt the wolves' rebound expect that in 2015 they will once again be free to kill the animals. This is only possible because of an absurdly low

minimum threshold for delisting, "at least four breeding pairs of wolves in Eastern Oregon for three years," writes the *Statesman Journal*.

Demand that wildlife officials maintain protections for Oregon's gray wolves under the state's Endangered Species Act. To delist them now would be a death sentence for these majestic beasts.

#### PETITION LETTER:

Dear Mr. Elicker,

In 2015 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will have the opportunity to delist the gray wolf, thus ending its protection under the local Endangered Species Act. Should the wolves be delisted it will almost certainly result in their complete annihilation.

Although most Oregonians support the return of these incredible animals, a small number of hunters and ranchers are determined to wipe them out with no regard to the impact this would have on the food web. Within two years of their federal delisting, nearly half the wolves living in the United States have been hunted down.

*Willamette Week* reports that more cattle are killed each year in auto accidents than are killed by wolves. But the predators remain deeply misunderstood, and people fear what they do not understand. Don't let ignorance decimate Oregon's wolf populations a second time. I implore you to uphold protections for the state's gray wolves under the Endangered Species Act.

Sincerely,

[Your Name Here]

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## Sign the Petition

**First & Last Name \***

**Email \***

*Your email will not be published.* By signing you accept the ForceChange terms of service and may receive updates on this and related petitions.

**Sign Petition!**



March 2, 2015  
2032 SW Chelmsford Ave.  
Portland, OR 97201

Mr. Curt Melcher, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Mr. Melcher,

Congratulations on your recent appointment to head Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

By now I presume your office has been contacted by organizations such as the Oregon Cattlemen's Association regarding wolves, their protection in Oregon, and how that protection should be reduced or even removed in the name of livestock losses.

I am writing to you as a citizen with the opposite view. Oregon has a well-deserved reputation for its management of wolves, and I strongly believe that our state should continue to lead the way to protect and preserve the presence of this apex predator. Our own Oregon State University has shown the significant benefit to broad ecosystems provided by apex predators such as wolves (notably with research conducted in Yellowstone National Park).

But more importantly, killing wolves in the name of livestock protection is a complete misappropriation of resources toward the tiniest of causes, leaves the major causes untouched, and leads to tragic consequences to wild life, wolves, of course, but also to their prey who are held in check by their predators. The Oregonian recently printed that livestock depredation from wolves has amounted to about a dozen animals over each of the past two years. A dozen! That's all! Oregon cattle inventory is over a million head and just 12 are lost per year?! That's not even 0.1%! Compare that to the hundreds or more livestock lives lost to weather and disease, and even to ranchers' own dogs.

So how can it possibly make sense to remove protections on wolves that account for less than 0.1% of cattle loss? It doesn't. I urge you, as the head of ODFW, to promote and retain the protection of wolves in Oregon.

Finally, I'd like to make a comment about the stated mission of ODFW: *Our mission is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.* This is a fine mission for our state. And it makes no mention of for whom this protection and enhancement is made. I submit that it is for BOTH humans AND wildlife.

Thank you and best of luck to you in your new position,

  
Ronald A. Varekamp



**From:** [birkmaier5@eonl.com](mailto:birkmaier5@eonl.com)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Comment for 3/6/2015 Meeting -  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:00:47 AM

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Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely;

Gina Birkmaier  
65391 Hurricane Creek Rd.  
Enterprise, OR 97828

**From:** Maren Couch  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Wolf Protection in 2015  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 2:43:26 PM

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Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioners:

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Thank you,  
Maren Couch

**From:** [David Berg](#)  
**To:** [ODEW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Wolves  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 11:02:51 AM

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Commissioners,

There is no greater good than the preservation and protection of natural systems, the habitats they encompass, and the wildlife that inhabit them. That includes wolves. Twentieth century history has shown that natural systems thrive in balance when wolves are present – and become skewed out of balance when wolves are removed. There is also evidence to suggest that wolf predation on ranched livestock is less than was ever feared, and is likely less than is reported. We urge you to continue their protection, while also extending to ranchers every available resource to employ non-lethal means to minimize predation on livestock. Thank you.

*- David & Judy*

David & Judy Berg | 4125 Brae Burn Drive; Eugene, OR | Phone: 541.683.0904 | Mobile: 541.915.6823

**From:** [graceswallow@aol.com](mailto:graceswallow@aol.com)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon Wolves  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 3:20:39 PM

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It is very disheartening and upsetting to me the way our government has abandoned our wolves, which puts them in the cross-hairs of extinction again. We need wolves to keep our (supposedly wildlife refuges) healthy for it's inhabitants. This agenda against wolves has got to stop if you care anything about a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Grace Neff

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**Subject:** Wolves Delisting from ESA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:22:39 PM

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To whom it may concern:

RE: Delisting wolves

This Friday, March 6th, 2015 is a very important day and I am writing to request the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife stick to the plan and continue with the delisting of the Wolves per the Wolf Management Recovery Plan. The requirements exceeded with more than the four (4) breeding pairs with 2 or more pups survival for three (3) consecutive years. Stick with the management plan.

Sincerely,

Terri Denton  
[walthers2312@hotmail.com](mailto:walthers2312@hotmail.com)  
P.O.Box 186 Heppner, Oregon 97836



**From:** [Benton Elliott](#)  
**To:** [ODEW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Wolf Conservation  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 3:44:46 PM

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Wolves are incredible animals capable of doing many things. What they can't do is speak for themselves. So I am writing to ask you to conserve and protect Oregon's wolves. In the past we did our best to exterminate them. With current science and fresh eyes, we are now trying to bring them back. Please continue this good effort. Thank you!

Benton Elliott

**From:** [Steve Pedery](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Curt Melcher](#); [MORGAN Russ L](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon Wild letter re: wolf status review, conservation plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 5:19:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [OregonWild ODFW Wolf Letter 3-4-2015Final.pdf](#)

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Members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Attached, please find a letter from Oregon Wild regarding the upcoming review of the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, and population status review of gray wolves. We believe it is important that Oregon continue emphasize conflict prevention rather than lethal controls. It is this common sense focus that has reduced conflict between wolves and livestock over the last three years, even as our state's wolf population has increased.

If you have any difficulty opening the attachment, or additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Quinn Read, Oregon Wild's Wildlife Coordinator, will be attending the Commission Meeting on Friday and also available to answer any questions you may have.

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Steve Pedery  
Conservation Director, Oregon Wild  
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March 4, 2015

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Chair Michael Finley  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Chairman Finley,

On behalf of Oregon Wild's 15,000 members and supporters from across Oregon, we are writing to ask for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's help in ensuring the progress Oregon has made in reducing conflict over wolf conservation is not undermined during the 2015 status review and update of the Oregon wolf conservation plan.

Over the last several years, Oregon has made significant strides in wolf recovery while reducing conflict. We join the Commission in celebrating that our state's wolf population has grown to at least 77 known wolves in 9 packs with multiple wolves established south and west of I-84 for the first time in more than 70 years. Meanwhile, according to the ODFW staff report, conflict remained low and incidents of depredation have decreased. All of this occurred without killing wolves.

This progress is largely due to the historic 2013 legal settlement between ODFW, livestock interests, and conservation groups. The settlement put a strong emphasis on transparency, clear guidelines, and common-sense, preventive measures aimed at reducing conflict between wolves and livestock before resorting to lethal controls. By nearly all accounts, this approach has been extremely successful. Outgoing ODFW Director Roy Elicker cited the wolf plan among his proudest accomplishments during his long tenure.

Recent research by Robert Wielgus of Washington State University demonstrates why Oregon is on the right track. In a study of livestock depredations in Idaho, evidence was found that killing wolves in response to losses actually increased the risk of additional losses by destabilizing pack hierarchies and reducing wolves' ability to successfully hunt wild game. Requests that Oregon abandon the preventive approach required by Phase I of the plan are out of sync with the best available science, and the progress observed by ODFW on the ground.

As the Commission considers significant changes to wolf management in 2015, we urge you to build upon the success of the settlement agreement and resulting emphasis on non-lethal conflict prevention. We also ask that you reconsider the current timeline for completing a wolf population status review and a review of the wolf plan. Because the status review is dependent on an analysis of the adequacy of the

existing regulations, the state should complete the review of the wolf plan before initiating the population review.

When considering the Oregon wolf conservation plan, we urge the Commission to continue to emphasize appropriate and verifiable non-lethal, preventive action to deter conflict between wolves and livestock as embodied by the 2013 settlement agreement. This historic agreement between ODFW, the livestock industry and conservationists provided the Oregon public with much-needed transparency, clarified ambiguity, and set clear expectations for wolf management. These clear sideboards must be maintained if Oregon is to avoid the conflict and acrimony characterizing wolf conservation in other states.

The Commission should also ensure that any subsequent wolf population status review is transparent, science-based, and impartial. When conservationists agreed to the 2005 wolf plan, we did so with an understanding that the state would not automatically strip protections from wolves at this early stage, but rather initiate a science-based review process. It is important that the Commission, ODFW staff, and all stakeholders share an understanding of what the law requires, and that the public can have confidence that ODFW's decision making process is fair and science-based.

Oregon Wild strongly supports ODFW's mission to "protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations." This mission includes endangered gray wolves. While there is much to celebrate in ODFW's current wolf status report, there is also a need for caution. Recovery in Oregon remains fragile, with just 77 known individuals, the overwhelming majority concentrated in the northeast corner of the state. As the state reviews the wolf plan, we urge the Commission to avoid the bitter acrimony that characterizes wolf management in Idaho and Wyoming, in favor of building on the success of the last three years and continuing Oregon's strong leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pedery", written in a cursive style.

Steve Pedery  
Conservation Director  
Oregon Wild

March 4, 2015

Mr. Russ Morgan, Wolf Program Coordinator  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97303

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have interest in one of your programs and I'd like to share my thoughts about the possible delisting of gray wolves from Oregon's endangered species list. In Oregon the wolf plan states the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can proposition a delisting if the state has four or more breeding pairs over the course of three consecutive years. In 2012 there were six breeding pairs listed and in 2013 there were four. The 2014 report shows eight of the 77 wolf packs contained breeding pairs. This being said, delisting can occur.

State delisting would remove wolves in the eastern third of Oregon from the endangered species list. I understand that wolves in the Southwest Oregon Cascades would remain protected by the federal Endangered Species Act even if delisting was to occur. But this doesn't change the fact that cattle ranchers in the eastern part of Oregon would be able to protect their livestock more easily. The number of confirmed sheep lost in 2014 exceeds numbers dating all the way back to 2009, showing this problem to be increasing. Calves are also affected by the presence of wolves, 50% of calves attacked were found dead.

Although delisting would be a very complicated, drawn out process I think it is essential for the well-being of our rancher's livestock. As long as required breeding pair numbers are maintained I don't see any reason why farmers shouldn't be able to take corrective action on their own property.

In a recent article in the Capital Press about wolves in NE Washington, Wes McCart, a county commissioner in Olympia told legislators if state wildlife managers failed to protect livestock the farmers will come up with their own solution. When asked to outline his plan of action McCart explained that appropriate action would be taken at the appropriate time. This to me sounds like a revolt in the making. Farmers and ranchers in these counties don't have years to wait; they need corrective action to happen now.

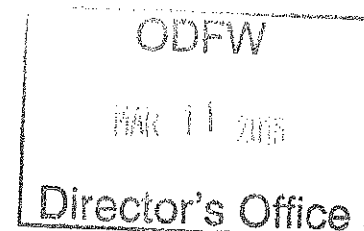
I'm worried if gray wolves are not delisted in the eastern part of Oregon, a problem like the one seen in NE Washington might come about. I hope the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will see to it that this issue, of utmost importance, is taken care of as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,



Angela Krueger  
1020 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
Corvallis, OR 97333



**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 2:40 PM  
**To:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: IDFG Chief On CBD's Wolf Population 'Teetering' Claim: 'Hogwash'

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wendell Locke [mailto:[scioha@frontier.com](mailto:scioha@frontier.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 7:06 PM  
**Subject:** IDFG Chief On CBD's Wolf Population 'Teetering' Claim: 'Hogwash'

<http://nwsportsmanmag.com/wolf-news/idfg-chief-cbds-wolf-population-teetering-claim-hogwash/>



#### WOLF NEWS

## IDFG CHIEF ON CBD'S WOLF POPULATION 'TEETERING' CLAIM: 'HOGWASH'

JANUARY 29, 2015 | ANDY WALGAMOTT | 1 COMMENT

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*Editor's note: Earlier this month, the Center for Biological Diversity claimed that Idaho's wolf numbers had "dropped to levels where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has said it would consider protection under the Endangered Species Act," and that the USFWS "must step in to save the wolf population before it's too late."*

*(Subsequently, the Arizona-based group petitioned the service to relist wolves in the Lower 48 as threatened.)*

*Today, IDFG responded to CBD with the following statement from its director:*

By Virgil Moore, Director, Idaho Fish and Game

It's important for state agencies to understand and respect differing points of view. But when a few advocacy groups try to grab headlines by skewing Idaho Fish and Game scientific wolf monitoring data in ways that simply aren't true, it's also important to set the record straight.

Here are the facts:

- Idaho has more than 100 documented wolf packs and over 600 wolves. Idaho's wolf population far exceeds federal recovery levels of 10 breeding pairs and 100 wolves.
- After meeting federal recovery levels in 2002, Idaho's wolf population grew largely unchecked for the remainder of the decade, resulting in increased conflicts with other big game populations and livestock.
- After 4 harvest seasons since the 2011 delisting, livestock depredations have declined. Wolf predation continues to have unacceptable impacts to some elk populations, but there are signs elk populations are responding positively to wolf management.
- Wolves in Idaho continue to be prolific and resilient. Idaho will keep managing wolves to have a sustainable, delisted population and to reduce conflicts with people, livestock, and other big game populations.

Despite these facts, a few advocacy groups chose to take the breeding pair metric out of context to make claims that Idaho wolves are "teetering on the brink of endangered status once again." That's hogwash. And it's the kind of polarizing misinformation that undermines responsible wildlife conservation and management in Idaho.



Confirming a pack meets U.S. Fish and Wildlife's narrow definition of a "breeding pair" is costly and labor-intensive. With vast reductions in federal funding to the state and Nez Perce Tribe for wolf monitoring, Fish and Game has focused our effort on demonstrating Idaho has at least 15 "breeding pairs" to comply with federal recovery requirements. Idaho closely surveyed 30 packs and confirmed that 22 of them met the breeding pair standard at the end of 2014. Because Idaho has shown it is well above



AFTER CAPTURE AND COLLARING, A WOLF GETS BACK ON ITS FEET IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES. (ERIC COLE, USFWS)

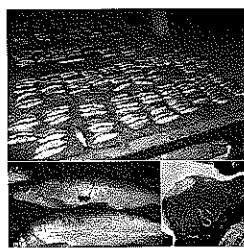
federal recovery levels, we may rely on less intensive monitoring for the other 70 + packs as we complete

our final 2014 population estimates. One can assume these 70+ packs include some additional breeding pairs. We will publish our annual monitoring report in March.

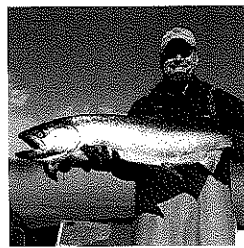
As trained scientists, Idaho Fish and Game stands by our data and our wildlife management plans. We manage wolves to ensure we keep state management authority and address conflicts with people, livestock, and other big game populations.

I hope people who truly care about wildlife conservation ignore the exaggerations and misinformation and help Fish and Game focus on the real issues affecting Idaho's wildlife.

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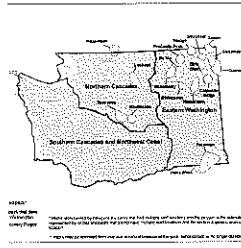
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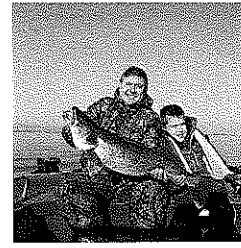
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## ONE THOUGHT ON "IDFG CHIEF ON CBD'S WOLF POPULATION 'TEETERING' CLAIM: 'HOGWASH'"

 **wendell sicms**

JANUARY 30, 2015 AT 12:28 PM

mr. moore,

this is very good. you are right on top of your program. So lets talk about the real problem here: ELK NUMBERS. YOU CAN NOT, AND WILL NOT TALK ABOUT ELK NUMBERS.

why don't you talk about your contingency plan to bring back the elk numbers? because there is no plan, the gods honest truth is: we will never see elk numbers that existed before wolf introductions in the 90's

lets see you guys publish a graph of elk harvested per wolf introduction thru the years leading up to 2014! lol.

**From:** [Joanie Beldin](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Grey wolf delisting proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, March 05, 2015 8:13:49 PM

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Dear Department of Fish and Wildlife,

As your agency begins the process of considering the delisting of the wolves in Oregon, I would like to express concerns for you to consider.

While there is reason to consider the increase in numbers of wolves from 64 to 77 a positive sign towards recovery, 77 wolves is far from a number that would be considered recovered. 26 of those wolves are pups and an unknown number are juveniles below two years of age. This leaves less than 50 adult wolves. Studies have shown that Oregon has adequate habitat for a far greater number of wolves.

In southwestern Oregon, less than 10 wolves are just beginning to establish themselves in this part of the state. Wolves in this area are far from recovered and protection under Oregon's ESA is crucial to their survival.

Delisting at this time would be premature. These past two years wolves and ranchers have experienced a management system which has proven to work for both sides. Wolf numbers in 2014 increased while depredation was down. I urge you to not give in to the exaggerated concerns of the livestock industry whose loss to wolves accounted for less than 1% of their total losses.

I urge you to not delist the wolves and to continue with a progressive management system similar to what has been in place these past two years. Contrary to other states, Oregon can set a standard for wolf management which minimizes depredation while allowing for meaningful wolf recovery.

Thank you for considering my requests and concerns.

Sincerely,  
Joanie Beldin

**From:** [Sharon Wilson](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [Terri Denton](#); [Sharon Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** De-Listing of the Canadian Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, March 05, 2015 8:59:53 AM

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To whom it may concern:

RE: Delisting wolves

This Friday, March 6th, 2015 is a very important day and I am writing to request the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife stick to the plan and continue with the delisting of the Wolves per the Wolf Management Recovery Plan. The requirements exceeded with more than the four (4) breeding pairs with 2 or more pups survival for three (3) consecutive years.  
Sincerely,

Sharon Lee Wilson  
84142 Alpine Lane

Joseph, Oregon 97846

541-398-1238

[sharonjhs@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjhs@hotmail.com)

**From:** [Benton Elliott](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Wolf Conservation  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 3:44:46 PM

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Wolves are incredible animals capable of doing many things. What they can't do is speak for themselves. So I am writing to ask you to conserve and protect Oregon's wolves. In the past we did our best to exterminate them. With current science and fresh eyes, we are now trying to bring them back. Please continue this good effort. Thank you!

Benton Elliott

**From:** [Sue MacDonald](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep Protections for Wolves  
**Date:** Friday, March 06, 2015 5:55:45 PM

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Governor Kitzhaber & Director Melcher,

Like most Oregonians I value wolves and other native wildlife. Wolf recovery has the potential to be one of Oregon's greatest conservation success stories. I am pleased that the state has made great strides in recovery, but with just 64 known adult wolves almost entirely confined to the Northeast corner of the state, there is a long way to go.

Killing wolves does nothing to reduce conflict. I urge you to reject proposals to weaken or strip protections for wolves and continue to prioritize science-based conservation, education, and non-lethal conflict prevention.

I also urge you not to consider reckless proposals like the one from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association to release sensitive location data to members of the public. It's dangerous for wolves and sets a terrible precedent.

Oregon has come a long way since trapping, poisoning, and hunting wolves. Please honor Oregon's conservation values and keep wolf recovery on track.

Sincerely,

Sue MacDonald  
1/2a Sydney Street  
Auckland, ot 0622

**From:** [Michael Johnson](#)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep Protections for Wolves  
**Date:** Friday, March 06, 2015 5:36:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Michael Johnson  
10008 w Colina ct  
phoenix, AZ 85037

**From:** [Margaret Stephens](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon's wolves need protection  
**Date:** Friday, March 06, 2015 7:12:21 AM

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Greetings:

I am writing regarding the review of the status of wolves in Oregon .

As it has been proven that killing wolves does little to stop or decrease conflict, but actually increases predation on livestock, I strongly support ongoing protection of our wolves. The "Oregon plan" --- conservation, education and non-lethal conflict prevention -- has proven to be successful.

Yet our wolf population is still fragile, not fully recovered, and must be protected. So I am asking that ODFW not drop its current protections of the wolves we now have, but continue to work to increase healthy wolf populations into a more stable number.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stephens  
Salem, Oregon

**From:** [s.cascadia](mailto:s.cascadia@odfw.com)  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Please Continue Protections for Native Gray Wolf Recovery  
**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2015 10:47:35 AM

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Dear Chair Finley, Director Melcher, & Commissioners,

I'm writing in regards to your wolf status review. Thank you Mr. Morgan for your presentation.

My name is Stephanie Taylor, I grew up in SE Idaho in a cattle ranching community. I moved to Oregon 13 years ago and am a permanent Oregon resident. I recently graduated with an environmental science degree which raised my interest in wolf recovery. I'm pursuing a career in wolf biology.

I'm here to applaud the efforts of the ODF&W in regards to the increase in wolf recovery in Oregon, and also to voice concern over the current process of the Wolf Conservation plan review & status review that will result in the allowance of lethal measures for wolf management.

Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan was a successful model for negotiations between ODFW, conservationists, and ranchers. The increase in wolf population was successful because of non-lethal measures. There have been a decrease of livestock depredation incidents with the population increase. With only 77 wolves in the entire state of Oregon, I believe now is premature to be allowing lethal measures.

It is my understanding that the wolf plan status review is dependent on how well the existing regulations are working to achieve recovery. The wolf plan status review must be science based, and not interest based, to ensure adequate analysis of the existing regulations. The 2015 review must be determined before the status review and before ODFW takes any action on the fragile population.

I urge the ODFW to continue to be a model for native wolf recovery, and allow this recovery process to occur, before reversing your own conservation progress.

I thank you for your time.

Stephanie Taylor  
1905 SE 45<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97215



**From:** [Terri Denton](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:00:44 PM

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To ODFW administration,

RE: Delisting Wolves program

Predators have one thing in common -- kill them and eat only the heart and liver. It is the most nutritious and easily digestible portion that they can regurgitate for their young before their diet can handle red meat. Later in the fall when they teach their young to kill they will often tear up and kill several lambs and maybe eat one completely up.

No wonder why wildlife populations are decreased. ODFW & legislation needs to stick with the recovery and delisting plans. I wish these photographs with my comments put on the April meeting agenda for May.

Thank you.

Terri Denton  
[walthers2312@hotmail.com](mailto:walthers2312@hotmail.com)

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**From:** [Terri Denton](#)  
**To:** [ODFW Commission; odfw.commission@state.or.us](#)  
**Cc:** [Kathleen Cathy; Kirby Garrett; congressman.greg.walden@mail.house.gov; russ.i.morgan@state.or.us; riley.bushue@mail.house.gov; Elizabeth Scheeler@merkley.senate.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Wolves delisting and reality pictures  
**Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:45:14 PM  
**Importance:** High

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- #1) Pictures Cow Elk with calf ripped from womb.
- #2) Deer (doe) with twins ripped from the womb -- only heart & livers eaten.

**From:** Terri Denton  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:00 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission

To ODFW administration,

RE: Delisting Wolves program

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No wonder why wildlife populations are decreased. As a Oregon Hunter for many years, I am requesting ODFW & legislation continue and expedite delisting plans. If you want hunters to continue supporting 3/4 of ODFW's budget, programming and employment, ODFW will need to sustain future wildlife populations to gain that funding generated by sportsmen/ Why purchase tags, licenses and draw applications, licensing for trappers, outfitters, houndsmen and other predator control measures if ODFW will not step up to the table and resolve the devastation being created by the wolves, cougars, coyotes, bears, perhaps reclassification of wolves as predator instead of endangered for the entire state of Oregon would be a great start before there is no wildlife to manage and with Oregon's legislators support this can be accomplished to protect Oregonian's.

I wish these photographs with my comments put on the April meeting agenda for May.

Thank you.

Terri Denton  
[walthers2312@hotmail.com](mailto:walthers2312@hotmail.com)







## PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

As of April 2, 2015, the post card below was submitted by 59 people.  
Cards with additional comments have also been copied as a part of this correspondence



Dear Chair Finley,

PORTLAND OR 970

I'm writing because the Commission will be making some very important decisions about wolves this year. While the latest wolf population numbers are good news, I urge a cautious approach. I ask that the Commission make sure the update of the wolf plan and subsequent status review are open to concerned citizens, based on science, and in line with ODFW's conservation mission.

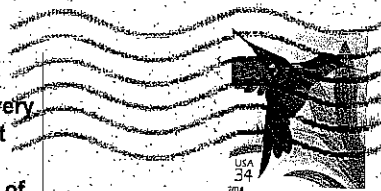
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Wolves are a part of Oregon's natural heritage. I believe that we should maintain protections for wolves and allow them to recover and return to their natural range in Oregon.

From a citizen of Oregon,

(Name)

2905 SE Palmview Rd, Corvallis, OR 97331  
(Address, City, Zip)



Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission  
c/o Chair Michael Finley  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302



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*It's not based on good science  
to delist Gray wolves in Oregon \**

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*Fairs & only in a small part of the state.*  
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From a citizen of Oregon,

*Karen Coalter*

(Name) *27803 Williams Lane*  
*Fossil, OR 97183*

(Address, City, Zip)



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c/o Chair Michael Finley  
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