

Wolves need our help and protection now!

The wolf is the only species to be deliberately driven to the brink of extinction by humans. Prior to the 17th century, about a half-million wild wolves roamed nearly all of the United States. They have historically been wrongly seen as threats or pests and hunted for sport, and by the early 20th century, government-sponsored predator control programs and declines in prey from human colonization brought gray wolves to near extinction in the lower 48 States.



In 1974, the wolf became protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the population grew to over 5,000 by 2010.

But in this decade they have been at the center of a political tug-of-war: they were delisted in 2011, relisted in 4 states in 2014, and then delisted again in 2017 for political expediency. **The conservative estimate is a 25% population loss since 2011.**

YouTube: *The Imperiled American Wolf*



Ecosystems need wolves



YouTube: *The Wolves of Yellowstone National Park*

How you can help

Contact government officials and agencies

- **Contact elected officials** of the States where wolves reside (nywolf.org/learn/us-wolves) - usa.gov/elected-officials
- **Contact regional EPA offices** - epa.gov/aboutepa/mailling-addresses-and-phone-numbers#regional
- **Write letters to editors** - westernwolves.org/index.php/letters-to-editors
- The **Mexican gray wolf** is the most endangered mammal in North America. Take action here - mexicanwolves.org/index.php/lobo-activist-toolkit-3
- Only 50-75 wild **red wolves** exist in North Carolina, the only place they live in the wild. Take action here - thetruthaboutredwolves.com

Support a non-profit organization

- Defenders of Wildlife - defenders.org/gray-wolf/what-you-can-do
- EarthJustice.org/features/jointhepack
- International Wolf Center - wolf.org
- LivingWithWolves.org
- MissionWolf.org
- Natural Resources Defense Council - nrdc.org
- PredatorDefense.org/wolves.htm
- ProtectTheWolves.com
- Wolf Conservation Center - nywolf.org
- WolfHaven.org
- Yellowstone.org

Spread the word!



Wolves are not a threat to us

"Wolf attacks on humans are extremely rare in North America, even in Canada and Alaska where there are consistently large wolf populations."
- US Fish & Wildlife Service

"Wolves were responsible for about 0.2% of all reported cattle deaths in 2010."
- BornFreeUsa.org

"We are learning that it is possible to live in close contact with wild wolves. ...Wolf depredations on livestock are lower than expected and wolf-watching brings in much needed revenue to rural areas."
- MissionWolf.org