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NONLETHAL METHODS VS. LETHAL CONTROL AT REDUCING WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICT

3 OF 10

STATES THAT ALREADY DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO WOLVES: IDAHO, MONTANA, WYOMING

WHO WE ARE

Team Wolf is a coalition of advocates, scientists, and nature enthusiasts inspiring and empowering people to stand up for wolves' place in the American wild. Through education, advocacy, and community, we mobilize people to ensure wolves thrive across the landscapes they've always called home.

THE ISSUE

As many as 2 million wolves once roamed the lower 48. Today an estimated 8,000 are found across ten states. For years the fight was about keeping wolves under federal protection. Now it's about what comes after: wolves won't last without a real recovery plan, verified data, and states that can be trusted with them.

Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming already decide what happens to wolves inside their borders. The other seven would only if federal protection were removed. Those decisions are being made now, mostly on politics.

WHY IT MATTERS

- **Wolves are a keystone species.** Their return to Yellowstone is one of the world's most cited examples of ecological recovery. They keep deer and elk in balance, which means fewer vehicle collisions and less chronic wasting disease, and they drive outdoor tourism.
- **Science and ethics agree.** Wolves are intelligent, family-oriented animals. There is no scientific, ecological, or ethical justification for killing wolves for sport.
- **Prevention beats reaction.** Nonlethal methods are more than 2.5× as effective as lethal control at reducing wolf-livestock conflict, and well-funded programs draw support across the aisle.
- **Wolves are the canary in the coal mine for the ESA.** Get wolf recovery right and it becomes the model for every species that depends on the Act.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR

DECISIONS GROUNDED IN SCIENCE

The best available data, transparent governance, standardized population and genetic monitoring, and rigorous verification of livestock losses.

NONLETHAL PREVENTION, FUNDED

Pay for the tools proven to work. Lethal control is a genuine last resort, and killing wolves for sport is not conflict prevention.

HUMANE TREATMENT, ALWAYS

No trapping, no hounding, no running wolves down with snowmobiles. Cruelty is not conservation.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE STATES THAT DECIDE

Real standards of stewardship, publicly reported, so recovery is durable rather than reversible.

RECOVERY MEASURED BY FUNCTION

Genetic diversity, connectivity, pack stability, and resilience. Not whether a count sits above a minimum threshold.

CELEBRATED, NOT DECIMATED

Wolves are an American icon and a point of national pride. Lasting recovery is achievable in this generation, built with ranchers, hunters, and communities rather than against them.

RAISE YOUR VOICE

Act now: **teamwolf.org/take-action** · **info@teamwolf.org**

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