

Gray Wolf Back on Endangered List

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A federal court restored gray wolves to the endangered species list in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin yesterday, again making it *not* OK to kill wolves that attack livestock or pets, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports. In answer to a lawsuit by environmental groups, a judge said the wolves couldn't be dashed from the list in those states while they were still endangered elsewhere.

The area's 4,000 wolves represent a comeback for the species, whose range, which once covered most of the continental US, is now just 5% of its former size, the AP notes. Not all are happy with the decision. "The facts on the ground have not changed," said a hunting lobbyist. "There are plenty of wolves in the Great Lakes region."

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There are no more than 564 wolves in the state of Wisconsin and around 8 million humans. The statement that there are plenty of wolves is an interesting comment. In the years since de-listing the wolf pack has slightly decreased in the state – due to lethal removals. Wolf populations are fragile. It takes very little to unsettle the prey predator balance and crash their numbers. For more information see the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources web pages below. Also see the **Wisconsin Wolf Report** on our News page.

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