

Proposal to delist the Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Population

- The USFWS is asking for public comment on:
- NRM Distinct Population Segment
- Area needed for wolf population recovery
- Threats to wolf population
- State & Tribal management
- Agreements to manage wolves in other states
- Other issues?

Figure 6. Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Population Trends
1979-2005, by State

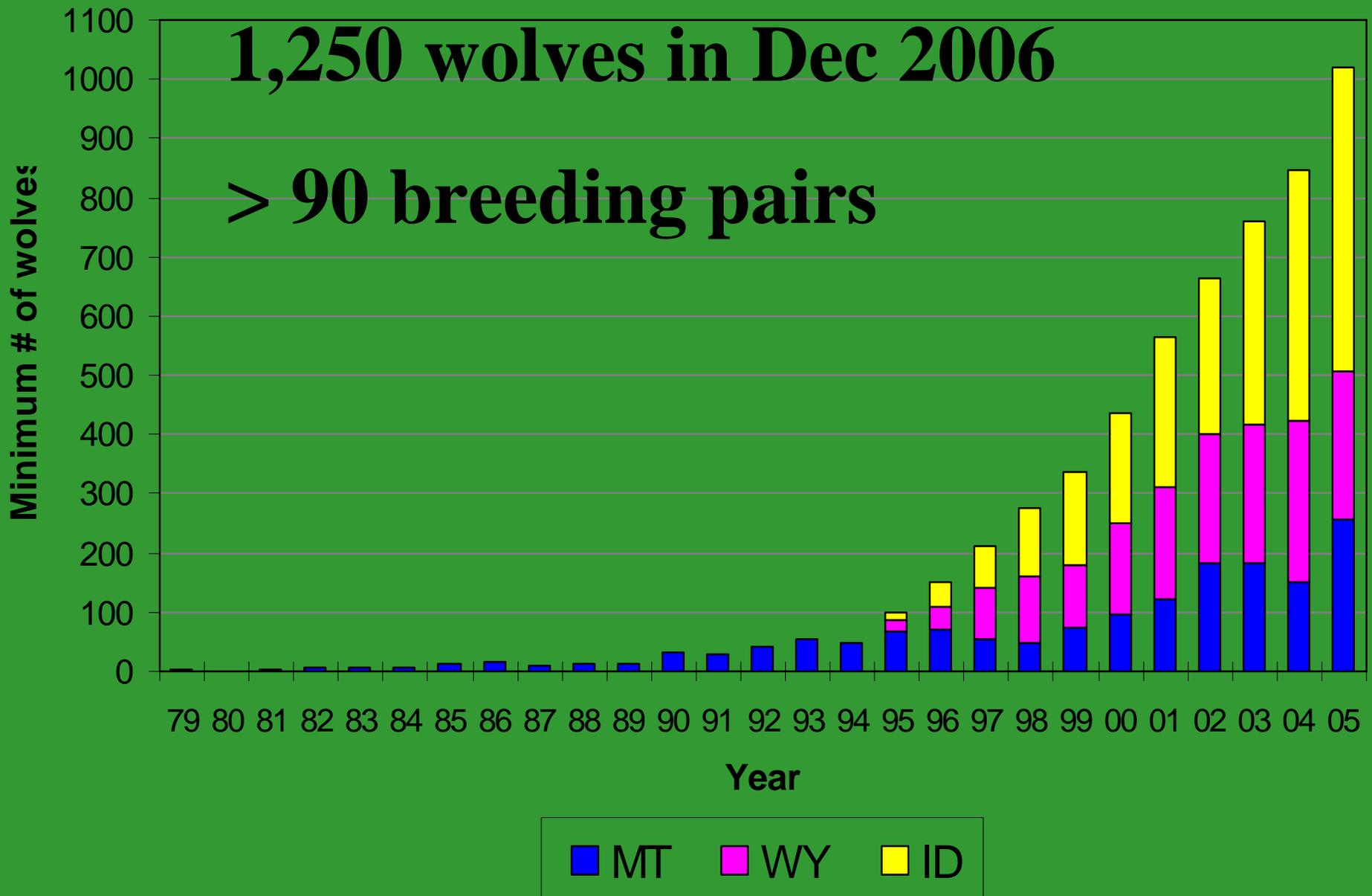
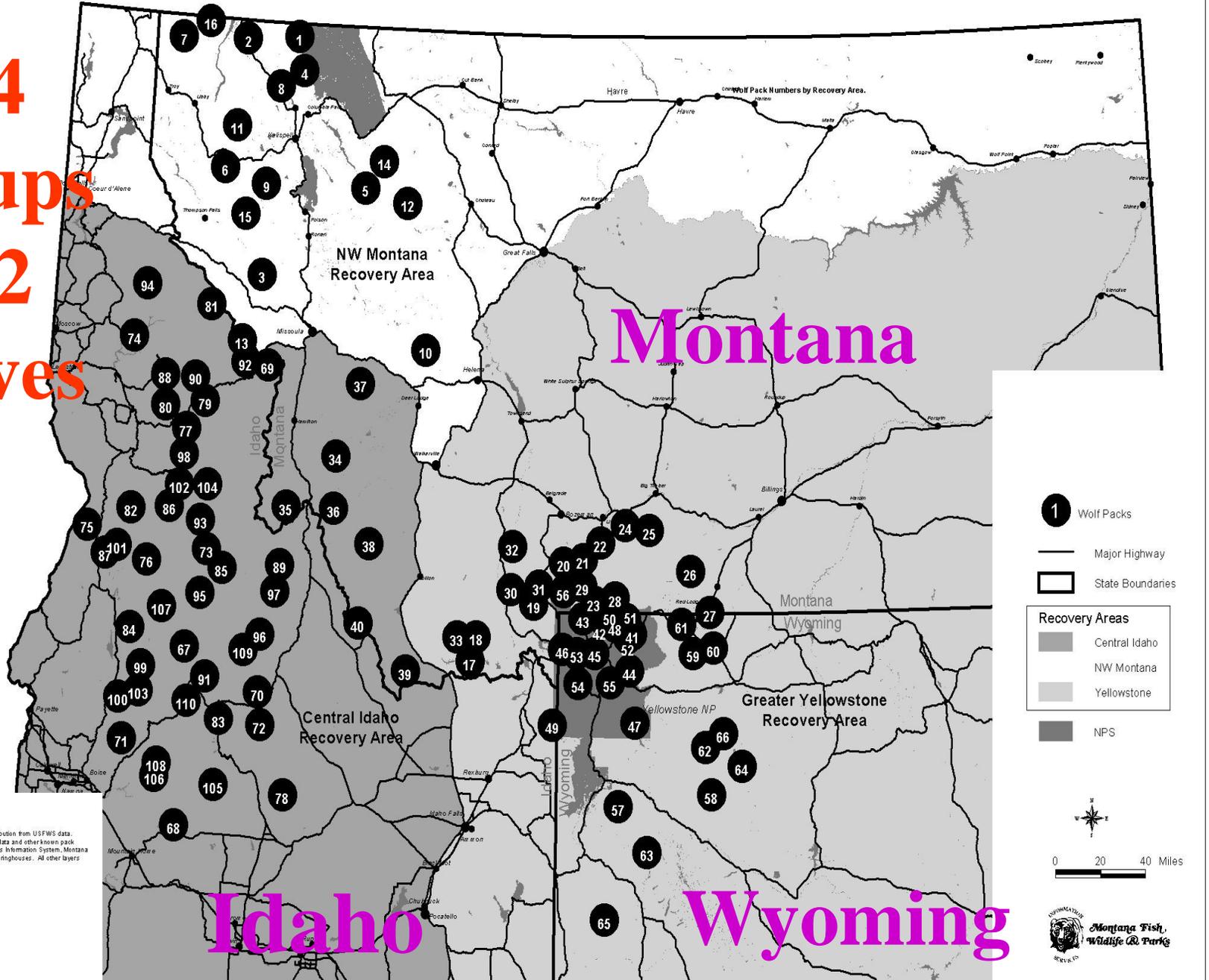


Figure 1. Central Idaho, Northwest Montana and Greater Yellowstone Wolf Recovery Areas

**+164
groups
of ≥ 2
wolves**



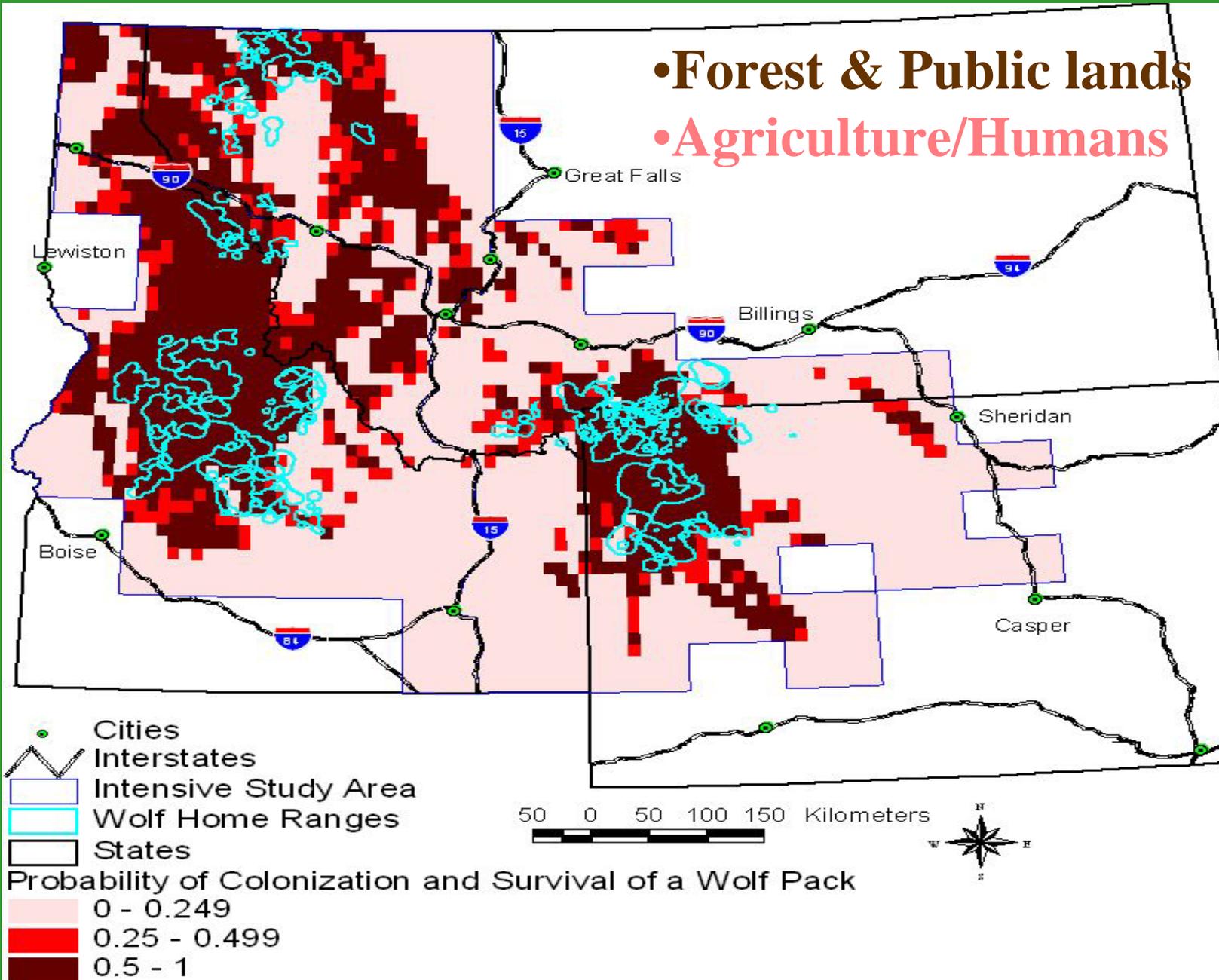
MFWP Information Service Unit digitized Wolf Pack distribution from USFWS data. Data digitized at various scales using USFWS telemetry data and other known pack location data. All other data layers from Natural Resources Information System, Montana State Library, Helena, MT, Idaho and Wyoming Data Clearinghouses. All other layers digitized at 1:100,000.

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Pack Persistence Model



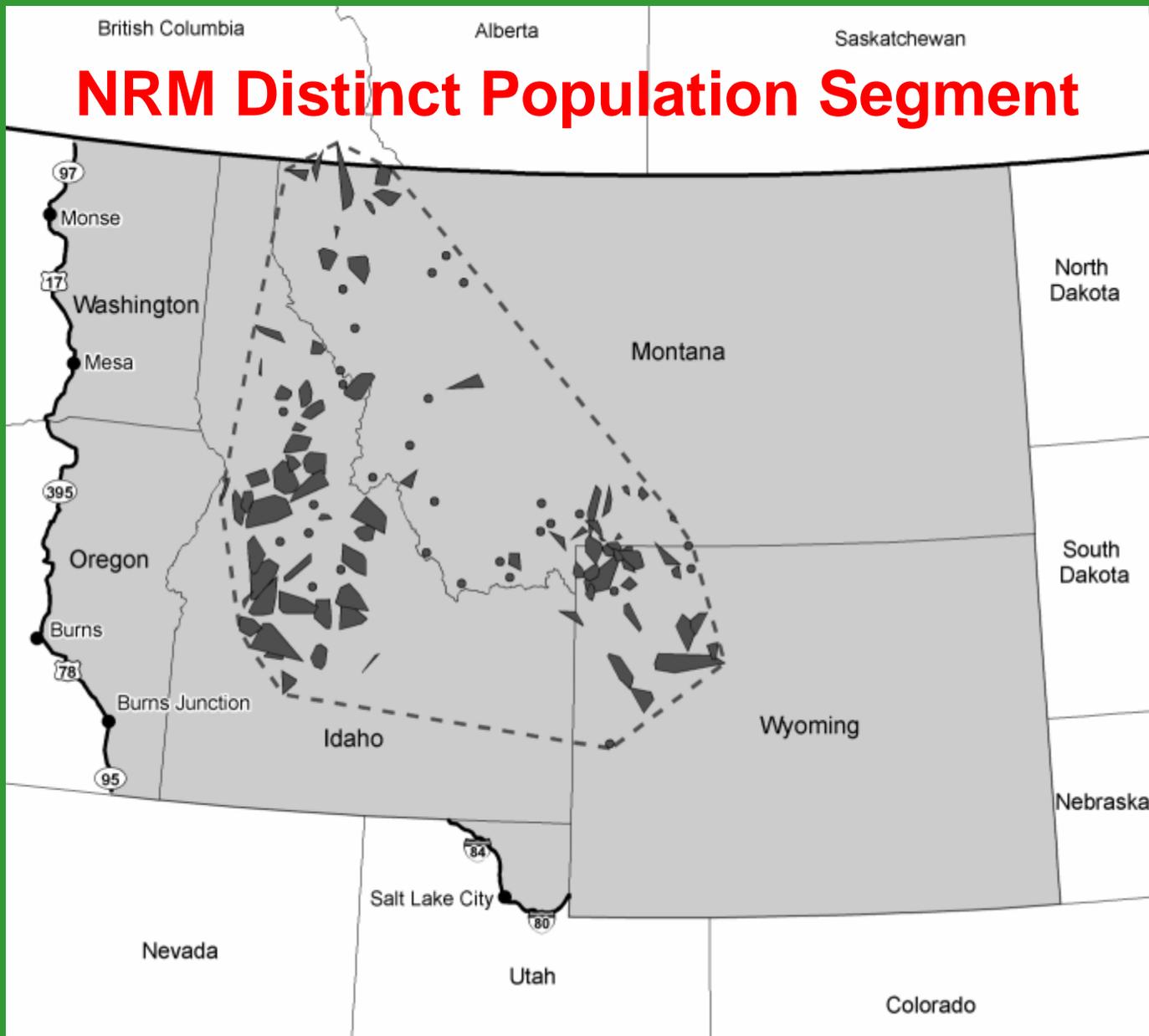
CURRENT STATUS

- Wolf Population Fully Recovered
- Most Suitable Wolf Habitat Occupied
- MT FW&P manages MT WOLVES
- IDF&G manages ID WOLVES
- USFWS manages WY WOLVES
- DELIST the NRM Wolf Population, except NW WY?

NO THREATS TO WOLF POPULATION

- 1. HABITAT- Good Shape**
- 2. OVER-USE- Regulated OK**
- 3. DISEASE & PREDATION- OK**
- 4. ADEQUATE REGULATIONS-
MT & ID OK, WY Law-NO?**
- 5. OTHER FACTORS- No threats**

NRM Distinct Population Segment



The NRM wolf population is no longer threatened because:

- Human-caused mortality is regulated
- MT & ID state laws and plans- OK
- WA, OR, UT, E. WY- no wolves necessary
- Wolves in NW WY will remain protected from excessive human-caused mortality by Park and ESA regulations
- If Wyoming chooses to change its law, it will manage wolves in NW WY

<http://westerngraywolf.fws.gov>

- **We are soliciting comments on this proposal at WesternGrayWolf@fws.gov**
- **We will analyze all public comments**
- **We intend to publish a final rule by 2008**
- **Thank you for coming- Questions?**