

United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Washington D.C. 20240

In Response Reply to FWS/NNAPC/076848

April 27, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to consult on 12-Month Finding for Gray Wolves in the Western United States.

On September 17, 2021, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a 90-day finding on two petitions to list a distinct population segment (DPS) of the gray wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains or in the western United States under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Our finding concluded that the petitions presented substantial information indicating that the petitioned actions *may be* warranted. Therefore, we have initiated a status review to determine whether the petitioned actions *are* warranted. No decision regarding whether or not to list the gray wolf in these DPSs has been made yet. We anticipate delivering a 12-month finding with this listing determination to the Federal Register by September 30, 2022

We will be joined by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs on this call and look forward to working with them as we speak to you about this culturally significant species for Tribes. We invite you to register for one of the following consultation dates listed below using the zoom link provided.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, June 6 th , 2022	4pm Eastern Time	https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIscOu
		hpjIiGqL3JdIdIHgPRieuVyTtu0M
Friday, June 10 th , 2022	12:30pm Eastern Time	https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdu-
	_	vqjgtHO6fC6gC5nmbgBhREi5IuLU

In addition to joining one of the consultation sessions above, please be aware you may submit written comments via email at wolf90day20210915@fws.gov any time.

If you need further information, please contact Scott Aikin, the National Native American Programs Coordinator at scott aikin@fws.gov or (202)285-3411.

Sincerely,

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