

Collette Adkins

From: Shire, Gavin <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Collette Adkins
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Wolves -- press statement

Good morning Collette,

Here is our complete statement:

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun reviewing the status of the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Working closely with our federal, state, tribal and local partners, we will assess the currently listed gray wolf entities in the lower 48 states using the best available scientific information. If appropriate, the Service will publish a proposal to revise the wolf's status in the *Federal Register* by the end of the calendar year. Any proposal will follow a robust, transparent and open public process that will provide opportunity for public comment.

With the gray wolf's recovery goals exceeded, the Service proposed delisting the species throughout the remainder of its range in 2013 under the previous administration. The proposal was based on sound science and predicated on wolves already being delisted in the Northern Rocky Mountains and Western Great Lakes. Unfortunately, the delisting of wolves in the Western Great Lakes region was successfully overturned by the courts, which prevented the Service from moving forward with the full delisting proposal at that time."

Please attribute to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if decide to use this in whole of part any materials. There are multiple Service staff issuing this statement, and so it can look odd if attributed to different people in different places.

Kind regards,

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On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 11:24 AM, Collette Adkins <cadkins@biologicaldiversity.org> wrote:

I received an "out of office" from Ms. Kauffman so I am hoping that you can help – please see below.