

Wolf Range In North America: Past, Present and Potential



Defenders advocates for the restoration of wolf populations in appropriate suitable habitat (slanted red lines) that still exists for gray wolves in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, western Texas, Mexico, northern California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Utah, Maine and New York, and for red wolves in parts of the Southeast. No matter how ideal the habitat, however it is ultimately up to people to determine if wolves will be allowed to survive in any given area.

Note: The suitable habitat for wolves designated on the map is an approximation based on peer-reviewed studies, expert opinion of our staff and habitat modeling, a complex science that involves superimposing multiple factors such as wolf range and dispersal routes, road density and usage, vegetation types, prey density, presence of livestock, development, slope and elevation.