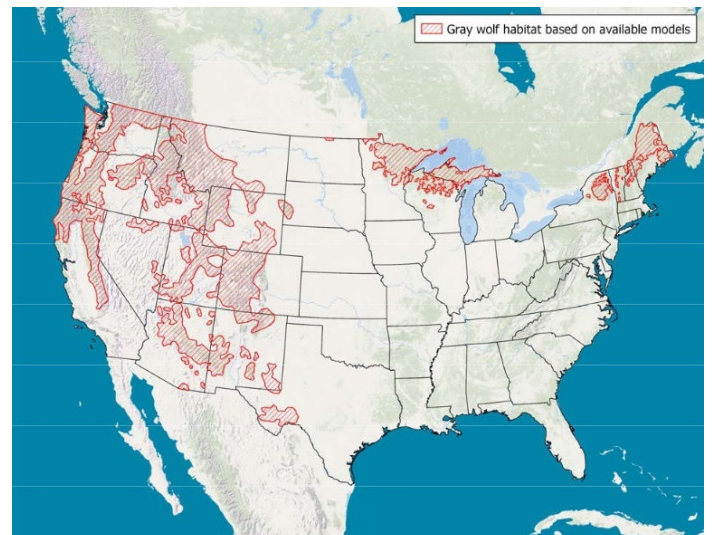


Scramble to Save

Did you know that the scientific name for the Gray wolf is *Canis Lupus*? At the shoulder, adults stand at about 2,6 - 2,8. Gray wolves are endangered and we need to help them. There are only around 200,000 - 250,000 Gray wolves left in the world. We are going to learn about their habitat, what their diet consists of, and why they are endangered.



Before we begin, stop and think, what type of habitat do you live in? Alrighty then. Now let's learn about a Gray wolf's habitat. According to the Environmental Conservation Online System, (ECOS), Gray wolves live in all of the following, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IN, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NS, VN, NY, ON, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, and WV. Along with that, according to the U.S Fishing And WildLife Service, Gray wolves live in Temperate forests, Mountains, Tundra, Taiga, Deserts, And GrassLands. As you can probably tell, these facts show that the Gray wolf has a wide variety of habitats that it lives in.



Here's a fact for you. Did you know that Gray wolves only eat around 3 - 4 pounds of food each day! They really don't have a big appetite! First of all, according to the National Wildlife Foundation, a Gray wolves diet consists of Deer, Bison, Caribou, Bighorn Sheep, Beavers, and a variety of rodents and berries. It's not really a surprise that a Gray wolves diet mostly consists of meat, but it won't be like that for long if they go extinct.

Hunters and trappers acknowledge that Gray wolves are endangered but they still continue to hunt them. Two of the biggest reasons why Gray wolves are becoming endangered is because of trappers and habitat loss, and hunters are making it worse, and we need to help them. Some ways you can help is by asking to enroll them in the endangered species act.

To sum it up, it is important that we all help protect Gray wolves. If the Gray wolf population disappears, then the animals that a Gray wolves diet consists of will increase rapidly, and the habitat loss is making it harder for them to survive. Gray wolves help keep animal populations under control. If you would like to see a change, you can help raise a poll to request the Biden administration for the re-enrollment of Gray wolves on the endangered species act.

Resources:

- a) Environmental Conservation Online System. "Gray wolf (*Canis Lupus*)."
Gray Wolf
(*Canis Lupus*), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 19 Sept. 2023,
ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4488.

- b) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife . "Wolf identification."
Wolf identification, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife,
wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/identification
n. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023