

April 29, 2024

**RE: Please Vote NO on H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our 103 organizations and our combined millions of members and supporters, we write to urge you to vote NO on H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act, which is expected to be considered on the House floor this week.

H.R. 764, sponsored by Rep. Lauren Boebert, directs the Secretary of the Interior to reissue the final rule published on November 3, 2020, delisting the gray wolf within 60 days of enactment. The bill bars judicial review of the Secretary’s action delisting the wolf.

The gray wolf is an iconic keystone species that plays a vital role in keeping America’s ecosystems healthy. Gray wolf populations in the United States were decimated by decades of predator control programs, as well as loss of habitat and prey. Since receiving protection under the ESA in 1974, the gray wolf has begun a comeback, but remains far from recovered.

The rule that H.R. 764 would reinstate was hastily issued by the FWS at the end of the Trump administration to delist gray wolves in 44 states. The rule was challenged by conservation organizations and vacated by a federal district court in February 2022. The court found that the delisting decision improperly relied on two core populations to delist wolves nationally, failed to provide a reasonable interpretation of what constitutes a “significant” portion of the species’ range, ignored the fact that the ancestry of West Coast wolves was distinct from northern Rockies wolves, and did not consider for the impact of lost historical range on gray wolves.

The “Trust the Science Act” undermines the integrity of the ESA by forcing the reinstatement of the Trump administration’s scientifically indefensible delisting rule and precluding judicial review, undermining the rule of law that holds government officials accountable in the courts.

We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 764. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Animal Defenders International

Animal Legal Defense Fund

Animal Protection New Mexico

Animal Welfare Institute

Animal Wonders

Apex Protection Project

Associated Humane Societies

Attorneys for Animals, Inc.

Biophilia Foundation

Bold visions conservation

Born Free USA

Carnivore Coexistence Lab

Cascadia Wildlands  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Clean Water Action  
Coexisting with Cougars in Klickitat County  
Colorado Voters for Animals  
Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center  
ColoradoWild  
Conservation Connection Foundation/LifeOutdoors.org  
Conservation Voters New Mexico  
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Endangered Habitats League  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environment America  
Environmental Action  
Environmental Protection Information Center - EPIC  
Footloose Montana  
FOUR PAWS USA  
Friends of the Earth Action  
Friends of Wisconsin Wolf and Wildlife  
Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project  
Great Lakes Wildlife Alliance  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Howling For Wolves  
Humane Action Pennsylvania  
International Wildlife Coexistence Network  
John Muir Project  
Kettle Range Conservation Group  
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
Latino Outdoors  
League of Conservation Voters  
Legal Rights for the Salish Sea  
Living with Wolves  
Los Angeles Audubon Society  
Madrean Archipelago Wildlife Center  
Montana Wilderness Education School  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wolfwatcher Coalition  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Mexico Sportsmen  
New Mexico Wild  
North Central Washington Audubon Society  
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International  
Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative  
Oasis Earth  
Oceanic Preservation Society  
Oil Change International  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Oregon Wild  
Plan B to Save Wolves  
Project Coyote  
Public Interest Coalition  
Resource Renewal Institute  
RESTORE: The North Woods  
Rio Grande Indivisible, New Mexico  
Rocky Mountain Wild  
Rocky Mountain Wolf Project  
Save Our Sky Blue Waters  
Shining Horizons Land Management  
Sierra Club  
Silvix Resources  
Southwest Colorado Wolf Cooperative  
The #RelistWolves Campaign  
The 06 Legacy  
The Conservation Angler  
The Maine Wolf Coalition, Inc.  
The Rewilding Institute  
The Urban Wildlands Group  
Trap Free Montana  
Turner Endangered Species Fund  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Upper Gila Watershed Alliance  
Urban Wildlife Rescue  
Voices of Wildlife in New Hampshire  
Washington Wildlife First  
Western Watersheds Project  
Western Wildlife Conservancy  
Wild Dog Foundation  
WildEarth Guardians  
Wilderness Watch  
Wildlife for All  
Wolf Conservation Center  
Wolf Hollow  
Wolves of the Rockies  
Wyoming Untrapped

Wyoming Wildlife Advocates