



This collared wolf of Oregon's Wenaha Pack was found shot to death by poachers in the fall of 2010. A \$10,000 reward remains unclaimed. (photo ODFW)

Support Wolf Recovery in Oregon

Wolves are on the brink in the West.

Wolves were once nearly driven to extinction in the lower 48. In a few places, they've begun to return. As they do, scientists continue to learn more about the important role they and other native hunters play in maintaining healthy landscapes.

Oregon has a relatively balanced wolf plan. However it sets extremely low recovery goals and allows wolves to be shot by wildlife managers. Even so, old prejudices die hard. Just as wolves are beginning to take real steps towards recovery, anti-wolf interests continue to try to undermine basic protections and make it even easier to kill this still endangered species.

Western wolves are fighting for their lives. Over 1,700 have been killed for sport in the Northern Rockies since being stripped of federal

protections as part of a 2011 budget deal. The fate of wolves is in our hands. Will the story have a happy ending or will we repeat past mistakes?

"What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself"

- Mollie Beattie, first female director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



This wolf was shot in a "fair chase" hunt during the 2009 Montana sport wolf hunt after being chased for 8 miles by ATV.

Be A Voice For Wolves

What you can do:

Learn about wolves

Learn more and get involved by checking out the Oregon Wild website, liking Oregon's Wolves on Facebook, and joining the Wolf Pack.

Spread the word

Contact your elected leaders. Let them know you support native wildlife and oppose efforts to undermine successful wolf recovery.

Become an Oregon Wild member

Oregon Wild is fighting for wolves in Salem, D.C., and in court. We're educating the public and working in the field. We're also fighting to protect the big wild places that wolves and other native wildlife need to survive. We need your support to do it. www.oregonwild.org/donate



(above) ODFW wolf biologist Russ Morgan preparing to collar one of Oregon's few wolves.

Fast Facts About Wolves

- *Wolves are native to Oregon and once had the widest range of any non-human land mammal on the planet*
- *Wolves evolved and coexisted with their prey and other native species for millennia. As wolves return, scientists are learning about the critical and irreplaceable role they play in maintaining healthy landscapes.*
- *Wolf-based tourism has added millions of dollars to local economies where their presence has been embraced.*
- *Wolves pose little threat to humans. In over 100 years, there are only two cases of healthy, wild wolves killing a human in North America*
- *Even where wolves have fully recovered they have a minor impact on the livestock industry. Losses to wolves are compensated by the state and dwarfed by losses due to weather, dogs, disease, and even human theft.*



Wolves Return to Oregon

Oregon's last wolf bounty was collected in 1947. Nearly 70 years later, wolves in Oregon are beginning to retake their place on the landscape. At the start of 2014, Oregon was home to 64 known wolves. Nearly a quarter were pups less than a year old.

Recovery in Oregon remains fragile. A purposeful campaign of misinformation and fear, poaching, and harsh policies in neighboring states are real threats. Recent proposals in Salem and Washington, D.C. continue to threaten wolves and undermine protections for all native wildlife.

Oregon Wild is working with conservation partners and responsible stakeholders across the country to fight for wolves and defend against efforts to undermine science-based protections. We're also working to educate the public and protect wolves and their habitat here in Oregon.

In a state that values native wildlife, the elimination of wolves is an environmental tragedy. Wolf recovery is poised to become one of America's greatest conservation success stories. Support Oregon Wild and ensure we learn from - rather than repeat - the mistakes of the past. Contact your elected leaders. Tell them to stand up for wolves and wildlife.

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