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Wolves in The Northern Rockies and Western Great Lakes on the Endangered Species Chopping Block, Yet Again!

On March 6, Ken Salazar, newly appointed Interior Secretary under the Obama Administration, once again officially removed wolves in the states of Idaho and Montana in the northern Rockies, but not in Wyoming, and wolves in the Western Great Lakes from protection under the Endangered Species Act. This action upholds an earlier decision of the Bush Administration that was temporarily suspended with the change in Administration. Just one day prior to this announcement, Salazar received a letter signed by Wolf Haven International, along with 21 other wildlife conservation organizations, asking the new Secretary to consider the science of the delisting argument particularly for wolves in the northern Rockies, and not the politics of some states wishing for an end to wolf recovery. Salazar's decision to go ahead with the wolf delisting has stirred controversy within and outside the new Administration as conservation organizations rally to file a lawsuit against the decision.

At least 10 senior House Democrats, led by Representative Norm Dicks, chair of the House Appropriations Interior and Environment Subcommittee, asked Salazar late last week to postpone finalizing the delisting rule for at least 60 days, and conservation groups have already filed a Freedom of Information Act request for details probing the decision making process. Stay tuned for more on the topsy-turvy world of wolf recovery in the northern Rockies! If you have any questions about this issue or other wild wolf recovery happenings, contact our Conservation team of Linda Saunders lsaunders@wolfhaven.org or Tami Williams twilliams@wolfhaven.org

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Wolf Haven Intl. has been working for wolf conservation around the Northwest and throughout the world since 1982. In addition to providing sanctuary for captive-born wolves, Wolf Haven educates over 30,000 visitors each year on the role of the wolf in the wild. Wolf Haven offers educational guided walking tours of its wolf sanctuary in Tenino Washington as well as off-site presentations to schools, community groups, and professional organizations.

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