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Dear Director Hall:

I write in regards to the public meetings the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be holding over the coming weeks regarding the U.S. Department of Interior's (DOI) proposal to delist the Northern Rocky Mountain Distinct Population Segment (NRM DPS) of gray wolves. While I appreciate one such meeting has been scheduled in Cheyenne, Wyoming, I strongly encourage you to schedule at least one additional meeting in the Northwest portion of my home state.

As you know, there has been a great deal of controversy surrounding the re-introduction of the gray wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains. These wolves were re-introduced against the wishes of local and State authorities and have cost Wyoming's livestock industry hundreds of thousands of dollars due to heavy predation, in addition to significant losses to our big game herds. As you surely recall, the wolf was brought back into the State amid promises that the federal FWS would closely monitor the wolf and keep track of its whereabouts. Unfortunately, this has proven nearly impossible and several industries in Wyoming have paid the price.

Wyoming is in a unique position in the delisting process – we are currently without a DOI-approved management plan despite the best efforts of our legislature; and many in the state feel very strongly that the Department has not acted in good faith in considering the plan Wyoming put forward. With that in mind, as the Wyoming State Legislature continues to debate a revised wolf management plan, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for my constituents to be given ample opportunity to voice their concerns, ask questions, and be given realistic and honest answers from the FWS in the next several sensitive weeks.

With that in mind, I request that FWS please make every effort to schedule at least one additional public meeting in Wyoming during its six-state series. Further, it should be noted your first meeting scheduled in Cheyenne will require significant and inconvenient travel for those residents in Northwest Wyoming most directly affected by the gray wolf population. For that reason, I also request that any additional meetings scheduled by held in either Cody, Pinedale, or another surrounding Northwest Wyoming town.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing back from you shortly as to what additional meetings in Wyoming are being scheduled.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress