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Nevada Gray Wolf Will Not be De-listed

In a Federal Register posted today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced a 90-day finding on a petition to de-list the gray wolf in Nevada. The finding states that the petition and the available literature cited in the petition do not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that delisting is warranted.

In 2003, the Nevada Division of Wildlife filed a petition requesting that the gray wolf in Nevada be de-listed. The reasons stated for this request included: the presence of wolves in Nevada was limited to transient, solitary individuals; Nevada does not contain suitable habitat to support wolf populations; the listing of gray wolves as endangered and threatened in Nevada were both done in error; and gray wolf recovery has been achieved.

After reviewing the petition and the literature, USFWS was unable to substantiate any of these findings. Therefore, the request to de-list the gray wolf in Nevada has been denied.

Additional information regarding the gray wolf may be submitted to the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office. To read the entire Federal Register, go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-23840.htm>