



The Yellowstone Wolf Restoration Program: Why We Need Your Help

Wolf Recovery Goal

The restoration of wolves to Yellowstone is part of a program that is also designed to return a self-sustaining wolf population to suitable habitats in northwestern Montana and central Idaho. Our goal is to have 10 wolf packs (about 100 wolves total) in the Yellowstone ecosystem. When

10 breeding wolf pairs have produced pups for three consecutive years in each recovery area, the gray wolf will be removed from the list of endangered species and will be managed in the same way as other wildlife in the states and parks in which it resides.

Progress So Far

Since the first group of wolves were brought from Canada in January, 1995, and the second group in January, 1996, the wolf restoration program has progressed well. As of May, 1996, seven wolf packs have established territories in the Yellowstone ecosystem. Most of these wolves have adapted well to life here, remaining largely within Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding national forests, where conflict with human activities has been minimal. Although a few wolves have died or been killed (either

illegally, accidentally or as required to prevent livestock predation), the number of deaths is smaller than expected, and more wolf pups have been born than anticipated. If this trend continues and sufficient funding is available, the recovery goal may be met earlier than originally projected (2002). Restoring the wolf quickly and with consideration to the concerns of local communities will reduce the cost of the restoration program, and can help foster support for the effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act.

What Remains To Be Done

Despite these initial achievements, much work remains to ensure that the wolves of Yellowstone become a fully restored and self-sustaining population. The wolves must be closely monitored to learn about their effects on other ecosystem inhabitants, to respond to any problems that may arise, and to determine if and when the goal of a self-sustaining population of wolves has been reached. Accordingly,

biologists have developed a restoration program to document adult wolf survival and mortality, population dispersal and distribution, wolf prey selection and predation rates, and den site location and pup survival. The program will also establish genetic profiles so that relatedness among wolves and reproduction performance can be determined.

How You Can Help

As the principal steward of Yellowstone, the National Park Service must play a key role in documenting and evaluating the results of the wolf restoration program here. But in these times of government downsizing and fiscal austerity, Yellowstone's wolf restoration staff and resources are very limited. Progress so far has been accomplished only through a combination of congressionally appropriated funds, donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, and the efforts of many people who have volunteered their time and labor.

Wolf restoration is one of the greatest -- and certainly one of the most controversial -- wildlife conservation initiatives of the 20th century. You can show your support by contributing to the Yellowstone Wolf

Restoration Fund or one of the other organizations which is working to ensure wolf recovery in the U.S. In addition, part of the proceeds from certain merchandise sold in Yellowstone's visitor centers and gift shops goes to wolf restoration (as noted on the label).

The organizations listed on the reverse side of this brochure have agreed to use most or all of the funds donated to them to directly further the restoration of Yellowstone wolves and allied programs. With continued support from you and many others across the country, the howl of the wolf will continue to echo through the mountains and valleys of Yellowstone.

Hopefully, you will be one of those fortunate enough to be listening.

Non-Profit Government Affiliates For Direct Giving to Yellowstone Wolves

**Yellowstone Wolf Restoration Fund
The Yellowstone Foundation**
P.O. Box 117
Yellowstone National Park,
WY 82190
(307) 344-2293

A foundation established to enrich the human experience that is Yellowstone and increase understanding of the Park's history and natural systems. It is the principal fund raising entity for the Yellowstone wolf project and accepts donations on its behalf. Donations can be

earmarked for general support of the wolf project or specific activities such as wolf education, research, internship programs or endowments. The Foundation charges no administrative overhead for managing the wolf account so every dollar donated is directly applied to the restoration effort.

National Park Foundation
1101 17th Street NW, Suite 1102
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 785-4500

The National Park Foundation is a non-profit organization chartered by Congress to receive gifts, manage funds, and help preserve the nation's natural and historic

heritage by fostering private sector support of the national park system. The National Park Foundation accepts donations on behalf of the Yellowstone wolf program.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1101 17th Street NW, Suite 1102
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 785-4500

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a Congressionally chartered non-profit entity that provides creative and sustainable solutions for fish, wildlife, and plant conservation, and educates and inspires others to do the same. The Foundation

invests in the best possible solutions to conservation problems by awarding challenge grants using federally appropriated funds to match private-sector funds. NFWF accepts donations on behalf of Yellowstone's wolves.

Non-Profit Organizations Working On Behalf of Yellowstone's Wolves

Defenders of Wildlife
Northern Rockies Regional Office
1534 Mansfield Avenue
Missoula, Montana 59801
(406) 549-0761

This non-profit national organization is dedicated to the conservation of wildlife. Using donations from supporters, DOW has established a fund to compensate ranchers for verified losses to wolves, shifting the economic consequences of wolf recovery from the individual rancher to

the millions of people who want to see the wolf restored. Defenders will also pay \$5,000 to any landowner who permits and protects an active wolf den on his or her property. DOW'S wolf compensation fund needs support to continue implementation of this crucial aspect of wolf recovery.

The Wolf Education and Research Center
P.O. Box 3832
Ketchum, Idaho 83340
(208) 726-2860

The Wolf Education and Research Center is dedicated to providing public education and scientific research concerning the gray wolf and its habitat in the northern Rocky Mountain region. WERC provides the public with the opportunity to observe and

learn factual and balanced information about the wolf, and develop workable ways for humans to coexist with wolves. WERC has been a significant partner in the restoration of wolves to Yellowstone and central Idaho.

Call of the Wild Foundation
25958 Genesee Trail Drive, UK-502
Golden, Colorado 80401-5742
(303) 526-0811

A non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the presence of wolves in Yellowstone National Park. By becoming a member of CWF, you can sponsor a Yellowstone wolf pack and receive the CWF newsletter. The sponsorship

program is ideal for educators interested in sharing the wolf restoration project with students. Sponsorship kits, as well as note cards and posters, can be purchased in outlets in Yellowstone or by contacting Call of the Wild Foundation.

International Wolf Center
25958 Genesee Trail Drive, UK-502
Golden, Colorado 80401-5742
(303) 526-0811

The International Wolf Center supports the survival of the wolf around the world by teaching about its life, its association with other species, and its dynamic relationships to humans. Among the many activities and opportunities IWC provides is the spectacular "Wolves and Humans"

exhibit in Ely, Minnesota, an exclusive magazine, trained and experienced speakers and programs, and extensive library holdings on wolves. The International Wolf Center has been very effective educating the public on the Yellowstone wolf restoration effort.

For More Information

If you wish to comment or obtain more information about the restoration effort, write the Yellowstone Center for Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, or phone (307) 344-2203.

