

WOLF AGENCY / HOME GROUP WORKSHEET

You are all members of the new state wolf agency with the responsibility of determining your state's new wolf management plan.

Part 1: Group members must summarize the opinions of their stakeholders. Fill out the following table based on each agency member's summary:

Stakeholder	Kept off the list or put back on?	For or against wolf hunting season	For or against rancher compensation
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service			
Earthjustice Environmental Lawyers			
Wyoming Cattle Ranchers			
Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife			
Wyoming Tourism Bureau			

Part 2: State wolf agency members must now decide the fate of the wolf populations. These are the key issues you must decide:

Issue 1: The endangered species list!

As a team, decide whether or not you want to recommend to the government that the wolf be put back on the endangered species list.

We recommend that the wolf _____

because _____

Issue 2: Wolf hunting!

Even if wolves are off the list, it doesn't necessarily mean there would be a legal hunting season. As a team, consider the pros and cons of allowing citizens to hunt wolves legally.

- Should there be a wolf hunting season?
- If so, should there be a limit as to how many wolves can be killed per season (a quota)?
- How big or small should the quota be?
- Should the hunting season be limited to a short amount of time (in weeks) or a long amount of time (months) or should it be open season all year long?

Regardless of your decision, you must explain why you chose open or close wolf hunting season.

We recommend that the state_____

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Issue 3: Wolves and Ranchers!

Regardless of the official protection status of wolves, they will continue to interact with ranchers and their livestock. In some states, ranchers are allowed to kill any wolf they see harming their wildlife, as long as they report the kill. Some states pay ranchers compensation for livestock lost to wolves. As a team, consider the pros and cons of rancher interactions.

- Should ranchers be allowed to kill wolves interfering with their livestock?
- If so, should there be a limit?
- Must they report every wolf they kill?
- Should these rancher kills be included in the hunting quotas, if you chose to set them?
- Should ranchers receive money from the state for livestock lost to wolves?
- If so, how much?

We recommend that the state_____

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