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To: Secretary of Interior Gale Norton
USFWS Director Dale Hall

From: Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council (ISCAC)

Subject: Joint State Proposals for the Delisting of the Gray Wolf and/or
Delineation of a New Rocky Mountain Distinct Population
Segment

Recently, Governors Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho and Brian Schweitzer of Montana sent a letter to Secretary Gale Norton encouraging expedited delisting of the gray wolf as an endangered species. In their letter, the Governors proposed various alternatives which would allow the gray wolf to be delisted in both Idaho and Montana. It is apparent that Idaho and Montana have met all five listing/delisting criteria:

- 1) habitat protection
 - 2) Over-utilization prevention
 - 3) disease and predation prevention
 - 4) prevention of other natural or manmade factors which would affect the species; and
 - 5) having in place and adequate regulatory mechanism to protect the species in the future.
- See* 16 U.S.C. Section 1533(a)(1)

Therefore, ISCAC strongly encourages USF&WS to seriously consider the Governors' options and take those actions necessary to delist gray wolves in Idaho and Montana in such a way as to meet the requirements of the holding in *Defenders of Wildlife v. Norton*.

