

Meeting Date: March 24, 2009

Agenda Item No. 7

Agenda Item: Wolf Update

Approved by: _____

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Background:

In March 2008, Northern Rocky Mountain gray wolves were delisted and returned to state management authority. In July 2008, a federal judge issued an injunction against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service decision to delist the Northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf, remanding wolf management back under federal regulations.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Current authorities for management of gray wolves in Idaho are provided through the Endangered Species Act and the 10(j) rule (revised in 2008) for nonessential-experimental gray wolf populations.

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

None. This agenda item is to provide an update to the Commission on implementation of the Commissions wolf management directives.

Justification:

Information only.