

Mike Finley, Russ Morgan, and the ODFW Commissioners:

Mark Henjum indicated that you would be interested in my assessment of whether the information you will consider in your November 9, 2015 meeting to consider delisting wolves in Oregon meets the delisting criteria of your Wolf Management Plan.

My qualifications are at www.davemech.org.

I have reviewed the November 9, 2015 Meeting Materials on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website, and I agree that the Staff Determination, including the “Summary of Evaluation of OESA” and its 5 Criteria do meet the requirements for delisting under the Oregon Wolf Plan.

I also note that from a biological standpoint, Oregon’s wolves should be regarded not as an isolated population but rather as a part of the Northern Rocky Mountain wolf population that includes Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and California besides Oregon. Further, that population is now an extension of the wolf population in BC and Alberta. This population throughout these states is thriving, increasing and expanding its distribution and is legally well protected.

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