



February 3rd, 2016

Chairman Brad Witt
Oregon House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE, H-374
Salem, OR 97031

Re: Support of HB 4040

Chairman Witt and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) fully supports HB 4040 which would ratify the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's recent decision to delist the Gray Wolf from the Oregon Endangered Species Act. The RMEF strongly recommends approval of HB 4040 and passage out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. We feel that the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission followed the Oregon Endangered Species Act and based its decision to delist the Gray Wolf on the best available science and information.

The RMEF is a non-profit conservation organization whose mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat, and our hunting heritage. The RMEF also works to open, secure, and improve public access for hunting, and other recreation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our strong support of HB 4040.

Sincerely,

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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation