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HB 4040-A

House Ag & Natural Resources

Affirming the decision of the ODF&W Commission

HB 4040-A is a confirmation of the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Wolf Plan): Phase 2.

This bill contains no language that precludes or prevents judicial review. It ratifies and approves the decision by ODF&W Commissioners in 2015 to remove *Canis lupus* (grey wolf) from the state's list of threatened and endangered species.

It **does NOT** allow public hunting of wolves. There will be no hunting permits issued and the penalties for poaching any wolf will remain a felony.

HB 4040-A will not prevent the ODF&W Commission from making necessary adjustments to the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. The -1 amendment approval provides direction to consider re-listing if needed.

Phase 2 of the Wolf Plan calls for delisting when the state has *four* breeding pairs of wolves for three consecutive years. We are now at over *ten* breeding pairs and Oregon's wolf population is doubling every 2.5 years.

It is time for Oregon to allow ODF&W to implement the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan as it was intended.

Please support HB 4040-A