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Oregon Farm Bureau Requests Your SUPPORT of HB 4040

The Oregon Farm Bureau requests your support for HB 4040, which ratifies the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's decision to delist the gray wolf. The Oregon Farm Bureau was a strong advocate for delisting the gray wolf at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, and this legislation is critical to fully implementing that decision. Ratification of delisting is important because:

- **It's Scientifically Supported.** Based on the findings in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Biological Status Review and available data, the decision to delist the wolves was scientifically sound. The Commission correctly found that there is simply no need to continue to extend Oregon Endangered Species Act protection to the gray wolf as its population continues to increase.
- **Wolf Management Does Not Change.** Wolf management in Oregon does not change after delisting. Since the first wolf entered the state, wolf management in Oregon has been governed by the Oregon Wolf Management Plan (Wolf Plan) – a document that was created through broad stakeholder engagement, and which provides three phases for wolf management in Oregon.
- **It Honors Commitments.** In delisting, the Commission chose to honor the commitment it made to Oregon producers in the Wolf Plan that wolves would not remain listed as their populations recovered and grew. The promise that commitments would be honored was a significant factor in producer's willingness to honor the Wolf Plan despite the significant cost of wolf depredation to their operations. Delisting is a critical part of long-term wolf management under the Wolf Plan, and is warranted as populations continue to grow.

Oregon Farm Bureau urges the legislature to support this legislation, and ratify the Commission's decision to honor its commitment to delist the wolves once the delisting criteria were met.

**SUPPORT the Oregon Producers by
VOTING "YES" HB 4040**

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