



# MN DNR Wolf Management Update

for

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## Review MN DNR's Wolf Plan

- Vision
- Goals
- Engagement
- Season framework
- Current activities and next steps



# MN DNR Wolf Plan: Vision

- Vision for wolves in Minnesota
  - *Minnesota's wolf population will continue to be healthy, widespread across a suitable range, and stable after decades of recovery from historical lows.*
- This vision builds on the success of past wolf conservation efforts.
- To support the vision above, the plan describes goals, objectives and strategies for Minnesota's approach to wolf stewardship.



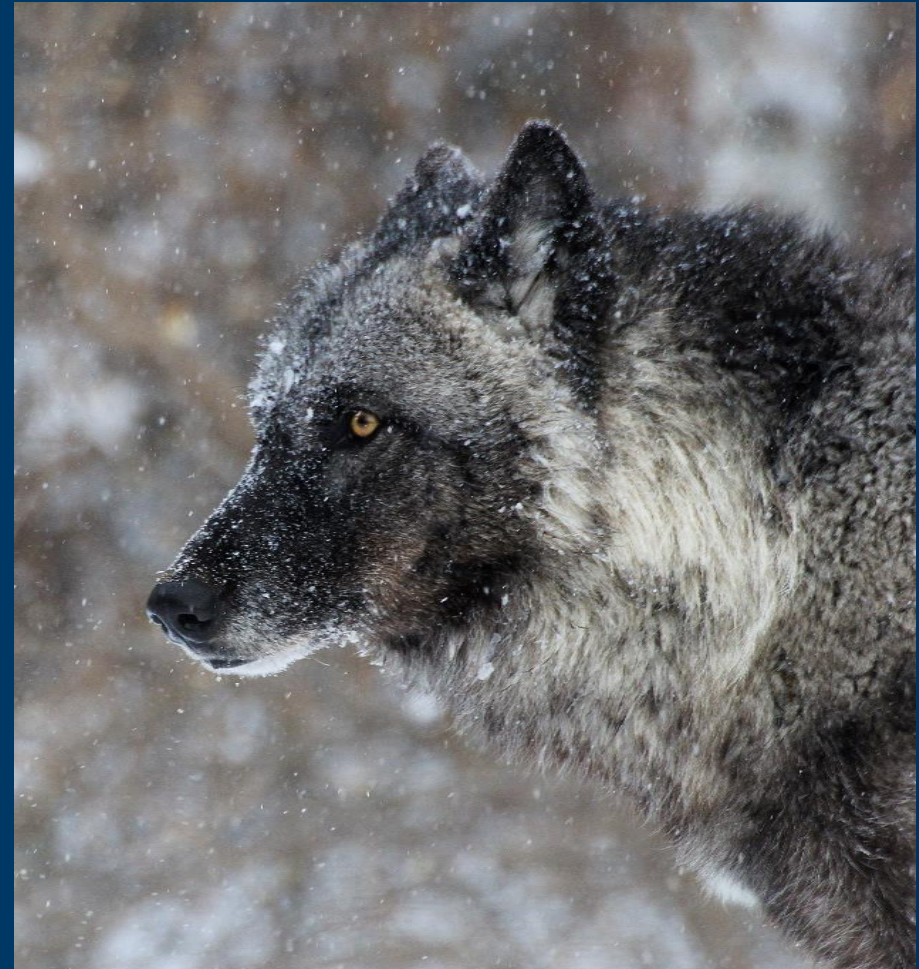
# MN DNR Wolf Plan: Goals

- Maintain a well-connected, resilient wolf population
- Collaborate with diverse partners to collectively support wolf plan implementation
- Minimize and address human-wolf conflicts while recognizing diverse wolf values
- Inform and engage the public about wolves in Minnesota and their conservation
- Conduct research to inform wolf management
- Administer the wolf program to fulfill agency responsibilities and public and partner needs



# MN DNR Wolf Plan: Engagement

- Public attitudes survey
- Wolf Technical Committee
- Wolf Plan Advisory Committee
- Public meetings
- Tribal review and consultation



# MN DNR Wolf Plan: Season Framework

- Federally protected (aka “listed”) under the Endangered Species Act in 1974
- Wolves have been delisted and relisted **several** times since 2007
- Minnesota held limited and highly regulated hunting and trapping seasons for wolves; harvest ranged from 200-400 wolves each year from 2012-2014
- The most recent delisting was in 2021, and this decision was subsequently overturned by federal court ruling in 2022



# Current Activities and Next Steps

- Build on partnerships
- Standing technical work group
- Population monitoring
- Research



# Thank You!

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