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why wolves?

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"In wildness is the salvation of the world. Perhaps this is the hidden meaning in the howl of the wolf, long known among mountains, but seldom perceived among men." Aldo Leopold ¹

Christopher,

Over the last few weeks, we've been emailing you a lot about wolves. Here's why.

In Wyoming, Oregon, the Great Lakes and elsewhere in the U.S. wolves are losing vital federal protections. Wolves are being killed -- or soon will be.

[Environmental Action is working on the federal and state level to stop the wolf killing, Please chip in today.](#)



**Donate to Help Save Wolves
and Nature**

The lonesome howl of a gray wolf may conjure romantic images of the American West, but the species has long been targeted for eradication. In the 1900s, gray wolves were trapped, poisoned, hunted, and otherwise largely eliminated from the Lower 48 United States. In 1960 no more than 800 wolves remained of a population that had numbered in the hundreds of thousands.²

The reintroduction of gray wolves to the wild in the 1990s -- thanks to the tireless efforts of millions of Americans -- is a powerful testament to America's dedication to this often

misunderstood creature and the wildness it represents.

And why are we dedicated? Why should we save America's wolves? **For their sake. For nature's sake. And for ours.**

For their sake:

Spine-tingling howls, friendly whimpers, dominant growls -- wolves' complex social structure requires a rich language. Whether you ever hear one of those vocalizations, you know intuitively that for the wolf's sake, we should not destroy that species.

For nature's sake:

The gray wolf's return has had important environmental benefits too. For instance, trees and brush that had been overgrazed returned with the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park in the 1990s. The result: improved habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife along the park's rivers, lakes, and streams.³

For our sake:

We want and can have a world where wild wolves thrive, where we treasure and protect wildness itself. We want to know the wolf is out there howling.

With your support, we can end state-sponsored wolf killing in Wyoming and Oregon, stop Congressional legislation that would strip wolves of federal protections, and much, much more. Together, we can educate and activate our elected officials, the media, and nature-loving Americans everywhere in defense of America's wolves.

Together, we can also stand up for all that is wild, protect our treasured public lands, and green the way we all interact with the earth.

[Help ensure a brighter future for America's wolves. Donate now to help save wolves and protect nature.](#)

With gratitude for all you do,

The Environmental Action team

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