

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Gray wolves and grizzly bears.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Allen, Hunt,
Lindholm and Winters and Senator(s) Cooper

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation
2 to remove the gray wolf and grizzly bear populations from
3 listing under the endangered species act and to assist in
4 funding programs and services for gray wolf and grizzly
5 bear management.

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7 WHEREAS, gray wolf and grizzly bear predation on livestock
8 and big game species is resulting in economic losses in the
9 state of Wyoming; and

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11 WHEREAS, the cost to manage gray wolves and grizzly bears
12 and to compensate individuals and entities for damage
13 caused by these species is significantly greater than can
14 be sustained through existing budgets of the responsible
15 state and federal agencies; and

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2 WHEREAS, gray wolf and grizzly bear populations are
3 recovered and these species should therefore be removed
4 from the list of experimental nonessential population,
5 endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming in
6 order for the state to effectively manage these species;
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, federal funding is essential now and after the
10 date the gray wolf and grizzly bear populations are removed
11 from the list of experimental nonessential population,
12 endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming to
13 assist the state in compensating individuals and entities
14 for losses caused by these species; and

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16 WHEREAS, such federal support in compensating individuals
17 and entities for losses will increase acceptance of these
18 wildlife species in Wyoming and continue the healthy and
19 self-sustaining populations of gray wolves and grizzly
20 bears in the state.

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22 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
23 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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2 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming legislature calls on
3 Congress to speedily seek removal of the gray wolf and
4 grizzly bear populations from the list of experimental
5 nonessential population, endangered species or threatened
6 species in Wyoming, by all means available.

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8 **Section 2.** That the Wyoming legislature calls on
9 Congress now and after the date the gray wolf and grizzly
10 bear populations are removed from the list of experimental
11 nonessential population, endangered species or threatened
12 species in Wyoming to assist in funding necessary programs
13 and services for gray wolf and grizzly bear management,
14 particularly programs and services to compensate
15 individuals and entities for losses caused by these
16 wildlife species.

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1 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
5 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
6 Delegation.

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