National Gray Wolf Delisting Public Hearing

What to Expect & How to Prepare
Denver Training Call
Monday, November 18th
6:30 to 7:30 pm MT

Call in Number: 1-800-356-8278
Conference Code: 585948
Road Map

• What is a public hearing and why should you attend?
• What to expect?
• How to prepare?
• Hearing details
What is a Public Hearing?

• An opportunity for the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to hear from the public directly

• Provides another way to offer official comments (other than in writing)

• Oral testimony becomes part of the official record
If not you, then who?

This is your opportunity to share your passion and opinion with key decision makers.

Always Remember — your voice does make a difference!
What to Expect?

• Speak directly to a panel of 3-5 federal officials and biologists

• Testimony will be recorded

• You will not be able to ask questions of the panel while testifying

• Address the panel, not the audience

• Strict three-minute time limit
What to Expect?

Who else will be there?

- Fellow wolf supporters
- Press and Media
- Supporters of the wolf delisting

It’s important to be civil and professional in your comments and actions

Those supporting the delisting of wolves may be vocal and loud – don’t let them distract you from giving your important comments and do not engage them.
How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

It’s essential for FWS to HEAR why you want wolves protected and restored to their historic habitat

Most important: Use your own words!

- Use Defenders’ talking points to get started, but...
- Don’t use all of the talking points
- Write out your testimony and submit it at the hearing
- You will only have three minutes
How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

A few more tips

• Start with the statement that you oppose the FWS proposal to delist the gray wolf
• Explain why you want wolves to retain protections under the ESA
• Personalize your testimony
• You don’t need to include background information on wolf recovery
How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

Practice your testimony at home to make sure you are within the time limit

The panel will ask you to stop once you’ve reached the time limit.
Tips for Testifying in Person

• Speak slowly and clearly
• Make eye contact with the panel
• Stay focused in your message
• Be respectful of the hearing officers and others while they are testifying
• It’s okay to be nervous!
The Day of the Hearing

Wear a gray colored t-shirt to show your pro-wolf support

Come to our training session and pep-rally to:

• meet fellow wolf activists
• hear from community leaders, activists, and wolf advocates
• get last minute information and updates
• practice and refine your testimony
• enjoy some snacks and refreshments
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Please join us at 3:30pm for our training and rally, and to sign up to testify.

There is a lot of interest in this issue, and we want to make sure our voices are heard.
Denver, CO
Tuesday, November 19th

• **Hearing Location**
  Paramount Theatre
  1621 Glenarm Place
  Sign-up to testify: 5:00pm
  Public Hearing: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

• **Training and Rally Location**
  Crowne Plaza Hotel – Downtown
  1450 Glenarm Place
  Park Room
  Training and Rally begin at 3:30pm
Parking

- **Crowne Plaza** -- $15
  (SPECIAL RATE – take your parking ticket to the front desk and tell them you are with Defenders of Wildlife)
- **Garage behind Crowne Plaza** (enter at 15<sup>th</sup> and Tremont) -- $12
- **Garage at Denver Pavilions** (enter on Welton in between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) -- $14

The Crowne Plaza is easily accessible using light rail, the free 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall Shuttle, or RTD buses.

Visit for more parking information: www.downtowndenver.com/getting-around/driving-and-parking
Questions?