

Process Timelines for Development of Wolf Conservation and Management Plans

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| https://tinyurl.com/California-Wolf-Plan | | https://tinyurl.com/Minnesota-Wolf-Plan | | https://tinyurl.com/Montana-Wolf-Plan | | https://tinyurl.com/Oregon-Wolf-Plan | | https://tinyurl.com/Washington-Wolf-Plan | |
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| Early 2012 | Plan development initiated | 2001 | First Wolf Management Plan Finalized; developed through extensive public input, and with USFWS support to transition from federal to state management authority | | Solicited public comment on Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) taking active role in wolf recovery | 1999-2000 | Individual wolves occurred in state | 2007 | Plan development initiated |
| | California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) met with stakeholders. Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) established. | 2019 | Plan revision initiated to make technical revisions, identify strategies to improve wolf conservation, and evaluate public attitudes. | 1995 | Draft Wolf Recovery and Management Plan; Not implemented due to uncertainty about funding and agency responsibility | 2002-2005 | 3 year process by 14-member committee to develop plan with input from stakeholders and public | 2007-2008 | Input received from Wolf Working Group (WWG) comprised of 17 individuals from diverse perspectives |
| February 2013 | First meeting of SWG; established ground rules, operating principles, and sideboards | Fall 2019 | Minnesota DNR invites Minnesota Tribes to participate in plan revision | 2000 | Plan Revision initiated Governor convened Wolf Management Advisory Council consisting of 12 individuals from diverse perspectives | 2005 | Wolf plan adopted; no known wolves in the state | August 2007 | 7 public scoping meetings were held throughout the state |
| | SWG established goals | Fall/winter 2019 | 10,000 Minnesotans surveyed to assess attitudes and preferences | | Over 7 months the Council developed Guiding Principles in four broad subject areas | 2008-2013 | Wolves establish packs in state | | WWG met 8 times over a 15-month period to develop recommendations to Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) |
| | Full SWG met 12 times during plan development | Summer/fall 2020 | DNR meets 4 times with 20-member wolf advisory committee that represents diverse interests | early 2001 | Report delivered to Governor | 2010 | Plan reviewed and updated | August 2008 | Draft Plan released |
| | Five SWG Subgroups established | Summer/fall 2020 | DNR meets 4 times with technical committee of state, federal, tribal and university wolf experts | 2001 | Governor directed MFWP to frame a wolf management plan. Plan development began | 2013 | Plan and rules modified as a result of litigation and legislation | | Peer review by 43 reviewers |
| | ---Operating Principles; Met 1 time | Fall 2020 | Public input via online meetings and online input site | January 2002 | MFWP released Montana Wolf Conservation and Management Planning Document | 2015 | Plan evaluation delayed while Commission deliberated state delisting | 2009 | WDFW met with WWG to review changes |
| | ---Conservation Objectives; Met 9 times | Winter 2020 | DNR writes first draft of wolf plan | January 2002 | Montana Environment Protection Act required alternatives and public input | March 2016 | Current Plan evaluation and review initiated | October 2009 | Revised draft plan released |
| | ---Wolf-livestock Interactions; Met 13 times | Winter 2020 | Draft plan released for public comment | January 2002 | Postcards announcing plan availability and review process | | Commission meetings, stakeholder panels and testimony, public comment | October-November 2009 | 12 public meetings held |
| | ---Wolf-ungulate interactions Met 6 times | Winter/spring 2021 | DNR evaluates comments and prepares final plan for approval | February 2002 | Scoping comment period opened | | Plan revision | 2009-2010 | 95-day public review and blind review 3 anonymous reviewers |
| | ---Funding; Met 1 time | Spring 2021 | Plan approval anticipated | March-April 2002 | 12 community work sessions held throughout state (>800 attendees); comments also accepted electronically or in writing (6,700 individual comments received) | March 2017 | Draft Plan released by Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) | | 65,000 people provided comments on the Draft Plan |
| | ---Cons. Obj. and Wolf-livestock; Met jointly 2 times | | | | Draft EIS developed by FWP | November 2017 | Draft Working Copy released by ODFW | | WDFW addressed public input |
| December 2014 | CDFW provided first comprehensive draft for full SWG | | | March 2003 | Advisory Council and MFWP Commission reviewed public comments and Draft EIS | | Stakeholder disagreement; Commission directs Wolf Plan Stakeholder Representative (WPSR) Work Group to be established | June 2011 | WDFW met with WWG for review and comment on proposed changes |
| | Administrative draft reviewed by peer reviewers and revised | | | March 2003 | Draft EIS publicly released | | Professional facilitation acquired | July 2011 | Recommended Plan released publicly |
| Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016 | Draft plan available for public review | | | March-May 2003 | 60-day comment period (~5,500 comments received); MFWP hosted 14 community work sessions (500 attendees) | July-August 2018 | WPSR Convening and Process Design | August 2011 | Recommended Plan presented to Commission |
| | Comments and recommendations were considered and resulted in finalization of the Plan | | | | MFWP reviewed comments and evaluated alternatives | August 2018 - January 2019 | 5 meetings of WPSR Work Group | August-November 2011 | Commission held three workshops for public comment |
| December 2016 | Final plan released | | | August 2003 | Final EIS released | | WPSR stakeholder input incorporated | December 2011 | Commission unanimously adopted the Recommended Plan with revisions |
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| OVERALL TIMELINE | Early 2012 - December 2016 (~5 years) | OVERALL ESTIMATED TIMELINE (Plan Revision) | 2019-2021 (~18 months) | OVERALL TIMELINE (Current Plan) | 2000-2003 (~3 years) | OVERALL TIMELINE (Current Plan) | March 2016 - June 2019 (3 years and 3 months) | OVERALL TIMELINE | 2007-2011 (~4 years) |

