

2004 Wolf Management Working Group Recommendations

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SpeciesOfConcern/Wolf/recomendations.pdf](https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/SpeciesOfConcern/Wolf/recomendations.pdf)

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGING WOLVES THAT MIGRATE INTO COLORADO

FROM THE
COLORADO WOLF MANAGEMENT
WORKING GROUP



Members of the Colorado Wolf Management Working Group at their December 14-15, 2004 meeting in Golden, CO

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Topics in Today's Presentation

- Why the plan was developed
- How the plan was developed
- What the plan does consider
- What the plan does not consider



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Why was the plan developed?

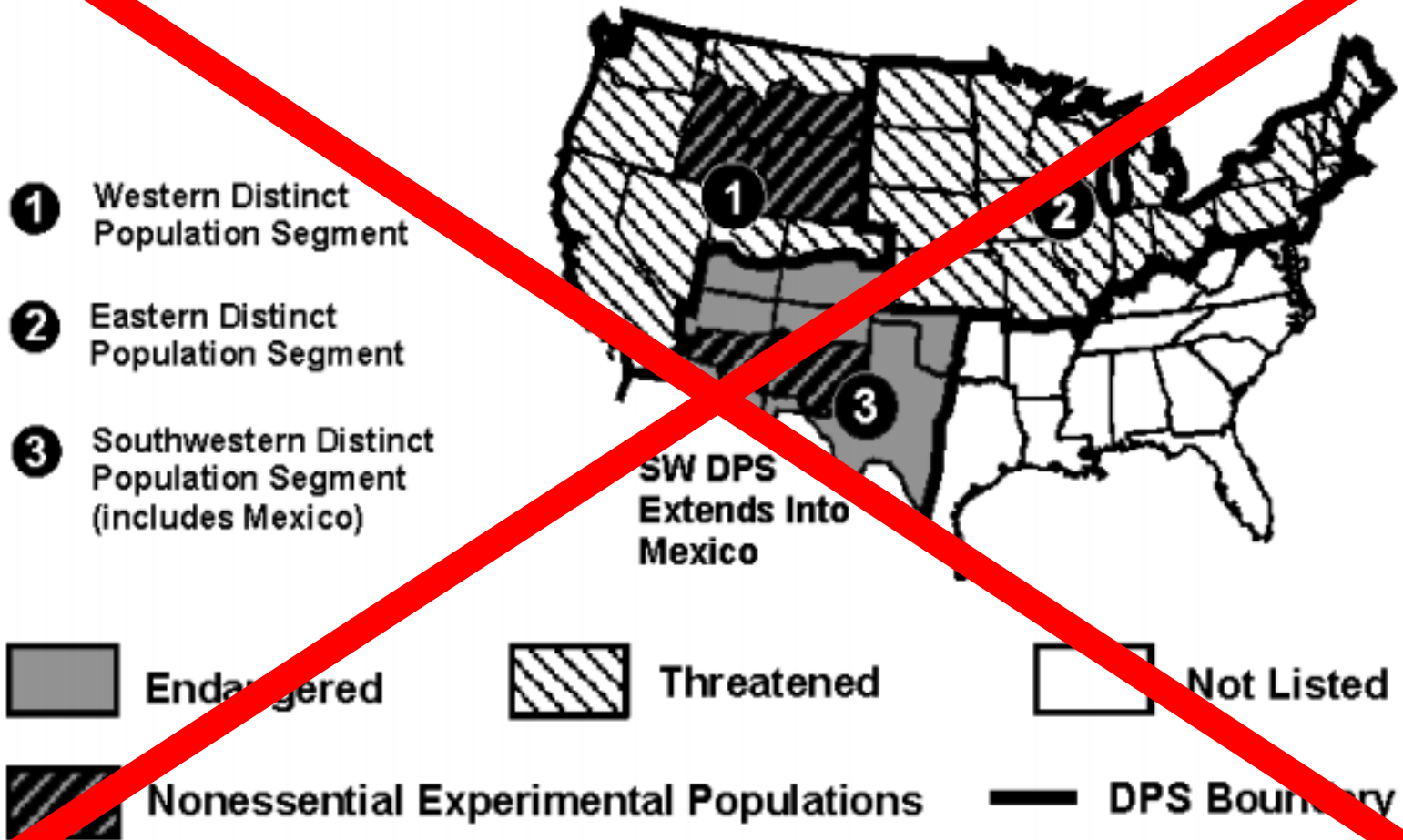
- Anticipated a Federal delisting
- Recommended policy for managing migrating wolves
- Suggested programmatic direction and 'spectrum of management activities'
- Did not preempt Commission authority



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Status of the Gray Wolf in the Continental U.S.

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How was the plan developed?

- Wolf Working Group formed in June 2004
 - 14 Volunteers
 - Livestock Producers (4)
 - Environmentalists/Wildlife Advocates (4)
 - Sportspeople (2)
 - Local Government (2)
 - Wildlife Biologists (2)
- Technical Committee
 - State and Federal agency representatives
- Professionally Facilitated



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How was the plan developed?

- 6 meetings in Colorado
 - June-December 2004
- Open to the public
 - Open house style format
- Recommendations by consensus



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What does the plan consider?

- Management
- Information and Education
- Damage Payments for Wolf Depredation
- Prey Populations: Conservation and Management
- Budgeting and Fundraising



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What does the plan consider?

- Working Group agreed on a live and let live approach
 - Wolves that cause no problems will be left alone, but wolves with a negative impact on livestock or ungulate herds will be managed or removed on a site specific basis
- As circumstances change, the tools available will be refined



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What does the plan not consider?

- Reintroduction methodology
- Recovery goals and metrics
- Depredation program specifics
- Regulatory assurances
- Funding



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Questions?



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