

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 13, 2013

Honorable Dan Ashe
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Ashe:

We write to request that the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) consider a public hearing in Denver, CO on the proposed gray wolf delisting. Our offices have heard a variety of perspectives on FWS' proposal – from vocal supporters in Colorado's vibrant livestock industry, to passionate opponents who feel the wolf is not yet fully recovered. Given the sizeable interest the proposed delisting has generated among Coloradans, it's very important that their views be heard.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued efforts to carry out a science-based implementation of the Endangered Species Act.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



Mark Udall
United States Senator