

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell has a decision to make. She has been asked by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**USFWS**) to remove all Endangered Species Act (**ESA**) protections from wolves across the country.

This is YOUR chance

to tell Secretary Jewell and the **USFWS** what you think about this proposal to remove protections and abandon wolf recovery.

The future of wolves,
wildlife and wild spaces
is in your hands.
**Be the voice, speak
for the wolves.**
Make a difference!

STUDENTS FOR WOLVES!

The **ESA** is an important law that says that “the best available science” must be followed in decisions like this one. Many people have asked Secretary Jewell NOT to remove protection from wolves. She replied that she had no choice because, “It’s about science, and you have to do what science says.” That was before the scientific review was in. **Well, the science is in now:** All the scientists that were asked to review the proposal agreed and said, the **“rule does not currently represent the best available science.”** But the USFWS has still not withdrawn their proposal! **This is YOUR chance to tell Secretary Jewell and the USFWS what you think about this proposal to remove protections and abandon wolf recovery.**



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Secretary Jewell is getting a lot of pressure from the other side (agriculture and hunting interests) and **she needs to hear from people who want wolves protected** so they can return to the ecosystems that need them. Unless she hears from every one of us, there is no guarantee Secretary Jewell will do the right thing.

Ask Secretary Jewell to keep her word and “do what the science says” by withdrawing this flawed plan.

HERE'S HOW! ▶

YOUR LETTERS AND COMMENTS MUST ARRIVE BY MARCH 27

► Mail letters to:

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

► Or email Secretary Jewell at:

feedback@ios.doi.gov

**It is also very important to submit individual comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Every comment is counted.**

Go to this web address: <http://www.regulations.gov/>

Then enter this code in the search bar: **FWS-HQ-ES-2013-0073-43030** and click **“Comment Now!”**



Some Ideas For Teachers:

- Use social media in your classroom to share your message and pictures of your art projects.
- Break the class into small groups to design group letters.
- Have each student send a personal comment, even just a few sentences.
- Post a YouTube video and/or send in video recorded comments from students. You could even include a group howl at the end!

Art Projects!

- Create a large hand-drawn mural saying you want wolves protected. Display it in your classroom or in the halls of your school. Photograph the mural with all the students in front of it and send pictures to the Secretary and/or mail the mural itself to Secretary Jewell.
- Have an art project competition about amazing wolves with notes to the Secretary. Take photographs of the projects or even with the students who made them. Send those photos to the address above.

Suggested talking points for emails, letters and videos:

- Withdraw the proposed rule because it is not based on “the best available science” as is required by the Endangered Species Act. Listen to your scientific review panel.
- Keep wolves protected so they have a chance to return to the habitat where they belong. Wolves have not yet returned to most of the wild places within their historical range.
- Let wolves fully recover so they can help bring stability and vitality to ecosystems that aren't as healthy without them.
- Science, not politics, should lead wolf management decisions.

Need more information and facts?

Find Living with Wolves on Facebook or go to our website: www.livingwithwolves.org
For any questions or assistance, contact us at livingwithwolves@cox.net

Thank you! Jim and Jamie Dutcher