

not worried about Wisconsin wolf decline

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AP — Federal wildlife officials say they're not concerned about the decline in Wisconsin's wolf population.

Scientists that included UW-Madison's **Adrian Treves** sent a letter to the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** last month complaining that the **Federal Natural Resources**' wolf population estimates are flawed and mortality is actually much higher than reported. They urged the agency to consider placing the wolf back on the endangered list pending a review.

John Ryman runs the USFWS's Midwest region. He sent a letter to Treves this week noting the state DNR is now in charge of wolf management. He said USFWS is aware of the decline in Wisconsin's wolf population but the population has not dipped nearly enough to raise serious concerns.