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August 16, 2012

Kurt Thiede
Division Administrator, Land
Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Thiede:

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to monitor the status of the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of gray wolf for at least five years after its removal from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. Part of our monitoring plan is to annually collect and review wolf data from each state, tribe, and major federal land management agency in the DPS.

To ensure that you may adequately prepare for this data request, we are notifying you that we will be requesting any data your state may compile in the following categories between **January 27, 2012**, the effective date of delisting, and **June 30, 2013**:

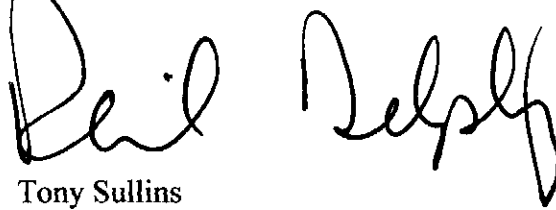
- Population estimates, pack numbers, and distribution;
- Mortality;
- Disease and parasite occurrence;
- Verified or probable depredation incidents and follow-up actions;
- Changes in regulatory mechanisms affecting the protection or management of the species, its prey, or its habitat;
- Law enforcement investigations of wolf mortality; and,
- Other information on the status and distribution of wolves in the state.

If feasible, please categorize mortalities as follows: legal control actions (*e.g.*, depredation control), road kill, illegal take, disease, intra-specific aggression, euthanasia (*e.g.*, of diseased wolves), and unknown. If this information is already summarized or described in separate reports, please provide copies or access to those reports.

Please provide this information to Mr. Phil Delphey (contact information below) by August 15, 2013. We plan to review and summarize the relevant data for the entire DPS by January 15, 2014 with the input of the species' recovery team and will provide you with a copy of our annual review.

Thank you for your continued assistance and for your commitment to wolf conservation. For further information regarding this request, please contact Mr. Phil Delphey at (612) 725-3548 ext. 2206 (phil_delphey@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Sullins', written in a cursive style.

Tony Sullins
Field Supervisor

cc: Mr. Tom Hauge, Division of Land, Bureau of Wildlife Management, Wisconsin
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Mr. Bill Vander Zouwen, Division of Land, Bureau of Endangered Resources, WI
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Mr. Pete Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Green Bay, WI
Mr. Joel Trick, USFWS, Green Bay, WI