

Hunter Nation Applauds Delisting of the Gray Wolf from Endangered Species Act

Madison, Wisconsin (October 30, 2020) - Today <u>Hunter Nation</u>, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting America's hunting heritage, issued the following statement in response to the removal of the gray wolf from federal Endangered Species Act protections across the lower 48 states:

"Responsible predator management is critical to preserving wild game populations and our outdoor way of life. The burgeoning wolf population in North America has grown exponentially in the last decade, unleashing an overwhelming number of strong, smart, and vicious predators on our livestock, moose, deer, elk and overall community."

"With the wolf population in the continental United States now at more than 6,000 and growing, the gray wolf is a conservation success story. 50 years of recovery efforts have restored wolf populations to a place where they no longer need to be protected under the Endangered Species Act."

"Hunter Nation applauds Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and the Trump administration for its commitment to species conservation and responsible predator management. In the last three years alone, fourteen species, including the gray wolf, have been determined to not be a threatened or endangered species."

Earlier this year, Hunter Nation <u>launched a nationwide grassroots campaign</u>, engaging over 5,000 outdoorsmen and women to contact their legislator in support of Senate Bill 3140, which required the Secretary of the Interior to issue a final rule relating to the delisting of the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

About Hunter Nation

Hunter Nation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting America's hunting heritage. Committed to God, Family, Country and the Outdoor Lifestyle, Hunter Nation educates and engages hunters about the policies that will help to ensure the right to hunt is passed down to the next generation. Learn more at <u>HunterNation.org</u>.