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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Wolf management - 2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davison

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; expanding area where  
2 wolves are designated as trophy game animals; providing for  
3 management of fifteen breeding pairs of wolves in the  
4 state; providing for a memorandum of understanding with the  
5 national park service; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9       **Section 1.**                   W.S.       11-6-302(a)(x)(B)(I),  
10 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I), 23-1-302(a) by creating a new  
11 paragraph (xxx), 23-1-304(a) and (n) are amended to read:

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13       **11-6-302. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this article:

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3 (x) "Trophy game animal" means:

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5 (B) From and after the date gray wolves are  
6 removed from the list of experimental nonessential  
7 population, endangered species or threatened species in  
8 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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10 (I) "Trophy game animal" shall include  
11 any gray wolf within those tracts of land within the  
12 following described area, subject to modification as  
13 authorized in this subdivision: northwest Wyoming beginning  
14 at the ~~east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest and~~  
15 ~~the Wyoming Montana state line; southerly along said forest~~  
16 ~~boundary to the common boundary between the Shoshone~~  
17 ~~National Forest and the Wind River Indian Reservation;~~  
18 ~~westerly and then southeasterly along the Shoshone National~~  
19 ~~Forest boundary to the Union Pass Road (USFS Road 263);~~  
20 ~~southerly along said road until it intersects the north~~  
21 ~~boundary of the Upper Green River Cattle Association's~~  
22 ~~grazing allotment on forest service lands; following the~~  
23 ~~eastern boundary of said allotment southerly and westerly~~

1 ~~to the point it intersects the Bridger Teton National~~  
2 ~~Forest boundary; westerly along said forest boundary to~~  
3 ~~U.S. Highway 189-191; northwesterly along said highway to~~  
4 ~~U.S. Highway 26-89-191 at Hoback Junction; northerly along~~  
5 ~~said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said~~  
6 ~~highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along said~~  
7 ~~state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north and~~  
8 ~~then east along said state line to the east boundary of the~~  
9 Shoshone National Forest junction of Wyoming Highway 120  
10 and the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along Wyoming  
11 Highway 120 to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said  
12 river to the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the  
13 Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said  
14 boundary to the Wind River Indian Reservation boundary;  
15 westerly, then southerly along said boundary to the  
16 Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to the  
17 Middle Fork of Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to  
18 Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to the Bridger-  
19 Teton National Forest boundary; northwesterly along said  
20 boundary to its intersection with U.S. Highway 189-191;  
21 northwesterly along said highway to the intersection with  
22 U.S. Highway 26-89-191; northerly along said highway to  
23 Wyoming Highway 22 in the town of Jackson; westerly along

1 said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along  
 2 said state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north,  
 3 then east along said state line to Wyoming Highway 120.

4 This described area may be diminished by rule of the game  
 5 and fish commission if the game and fish commission  
 6 determines the diminution does not impede the delisting of  
 7 gray wolves and will facilitate Wyoming's management of  
 8 wolves; and

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10 **23-1-101. Definitions of wildlife.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (xii) "Trophy game animal" means:

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16 (B) From and after the date gray wolves are  
 17 removed from the list of experimental nonessential  
 18 population, endangered species or threatened species in  
 19 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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 23 following described area, subject to modification as

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5 ~~National Forest and the Wind River Indian Reservation;~~  
6 ~~westerly and then southeasterly along the Shoshone National~~  
7 ~~Forest boundary to the Union Pass Road (USFS Road 263);~~  
8 ~~southerly along said road until it intersects the north~~  
9 ~~boundary of the Upper Green River Cattle Association's~~  
10 ~~grazing allotment on forest service lands; following the~~  
11 ~~eastern boundary of said allotment southerly and westerly~~  
12 ~~to the point it intersects the Bridger Teton National~~  
13 ~~Forest boundary; westerly along said forest boundary to~~  
14 ~~U.S. Highway 189 191; northwesterly along said highway to~~  
15 ~~U.S. Highway 26 89 191 at Hoback Junction; northerly along~~  
16 ~~said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said~~  
17 ~~highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along said~~  
18 ~~state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north and~~  
19 ~~then east along said state line to the east boundary of the~~  
20 ~~Shoshone National Forest~~ junction of Wyoming Highway 120  
21 and the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along Wyoming  
22 Highway 120 to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said  
23 river to the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the

1 Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said  
2 boundary to the Wind River Indian Reservation boundary;  
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11 Wyoming Highway 22 in the town of Jackson; westerly along  
12 said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along  
13 said state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north,  
14 then east along said state line to Wyoming Highway 120.

15 This described area may be diminished by rule of the  
16 commission if the commission determines the diminution does  
17 not impede the delisting of gray wolves and will facilitate  
18 Wyoming's management of wolves; and

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20 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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22 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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1           (xxx) To enter into memoranda of agreement with  
2 the states of Idaho and Montana to cooperate in the  
3 capture, transport, exchange and release of gray wolves  
4 into and out of those areas of the state where the gray  
5 wolf is not listed as a predator as the commission deems  
6 necessary to assure genetic interchange among the  
7 populations of gray wolves within the three (3) states.

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9           **23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.**

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11           (a) The commission shall by rule and regulation  
12 establish areas within the state where gray wolves are  
13 classified as trophy game animals and set seasons and bag  
14 limits within those areas. The areas designated, seasons  
15 and bag limits shall be set annually in a manner the  
16 commission determines, through rule and regulation, ~~only as~~  
17 ~~necessary~~ to reasonably ensure:

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19           (i) At least seven (7) breeding pairs of gray  
20 wolves are located in this state and primarily outside of  
21 Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and  
22 John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway at the end of the  
23 current calendar year; and

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(ii) If the national park service has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the commission regarding the management of gray wolves within Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, at least fifteen (15) breeding pairs of gray wolves are located within the state.

(n) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations providing for issuance of annual permits to landowners or livestock owners for removing wolves which are harassing, injuring, maiming or killing livestock or other domesticated animals and for wolves occupying geographic areas where chronic wolf predation occurs. The permits shall be issued as long as ~~there are seven (7) breeding pairs within the state and outside of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway~~ the management objectives described in subsection (a) of this section are met. The rules shall provide for suspending or cancelling permits if further lethal control could cause relisting of wolves under the endangered species act.



1           **Section 2.**    W.S. 11-6-302(b), 23-1-101(b) and 2007  
2 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 168, Section 1 are repealed.

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4           **Section 3.**    The legislature declares that the  
5 contingencies provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws,  
6 Chapter 168 and W.S. 23-1-109 have occurred and that  
7 legislation is effective as amended by this act.

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9           **Section 4.**    This act is effective immediately upon  
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
12 Constitution.

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