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A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to reissue a final rule removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 764	Related bill	May 1, 2024: Received in the Senate.

Summary (as of Jun 8, 2023)

This bill directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to remove protections for the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). Specifically, the bill requires the FWS to reissue the final rule titled *Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Gray Wolf (Canis lupus) From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife* and published on November 3, 2020.

The rule removed the gray wolf in the lower 48 United States, except for the Mexican wolf (*C. l. baileyi*) subspecies, from the endangered and threatened species list. However, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California vacated the rule on February 10, 2022. As a result, the gray wolf reattained the protection status it had prior to the rule's promulgation.

The bill also prohibits the reissuance of the rule from being subject to judicial review.

Actions Timeline

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