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2023 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan
C/O Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 East Sixth Avenue
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Re: 2023 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan

Dear Commissioners and Director Temple:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2023 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

The proposed 2023 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan generally demonstrates responsible and sustainable management of gray wolves. SCI supports the plan and the goal to maintain a healthy and sustainable population of wolves, and supports FWP efforts to manage wolves on a local level, consistent with the needs of each management unit. SCI further believes the proposed plan is consistent with the FWP's obligations under state law, including directives to maintain a "sustainable" wolf population and to preserve citizens' opportunities to hunt large game species.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including predators such as wolves, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the 2023 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the FWP and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International