

# Michigan Wolves



# History

## Pre-Settlement

Wolves Throughout State

## 1817-1960

Government Bounties  
And State Trapper System

## 1935

Wolves Eradicated From LP

## 1956

UP Population Down To ~100  
Wolves

## 1973

An Estimated 6 Wolves In UP



# Management Shift

**1965**

Wolves Afforded Legal  
Protection In MI

**1974**

Listed Under the Federal  
ESA

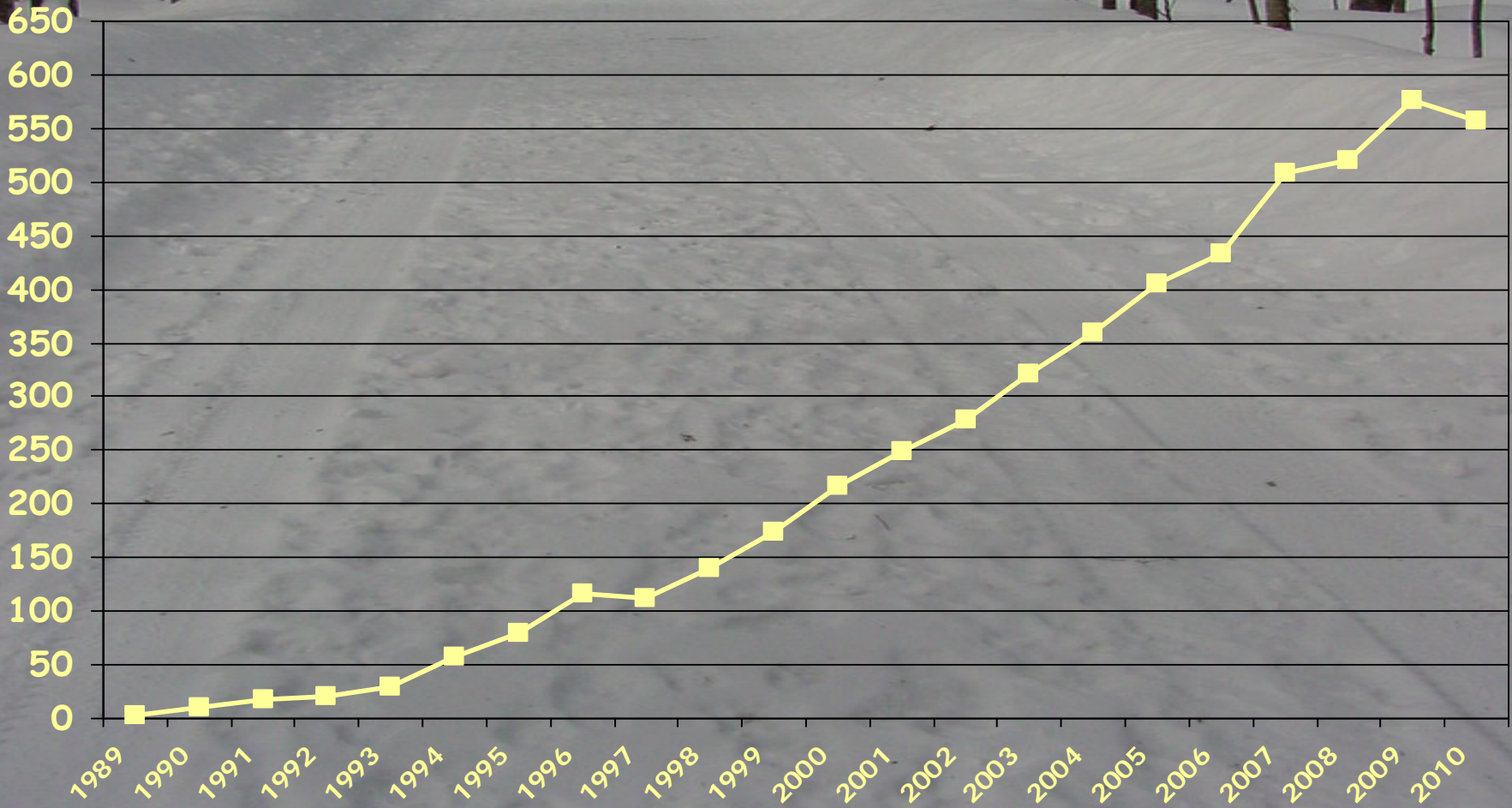
**1976**

Listed as a MI  
Endangered Species

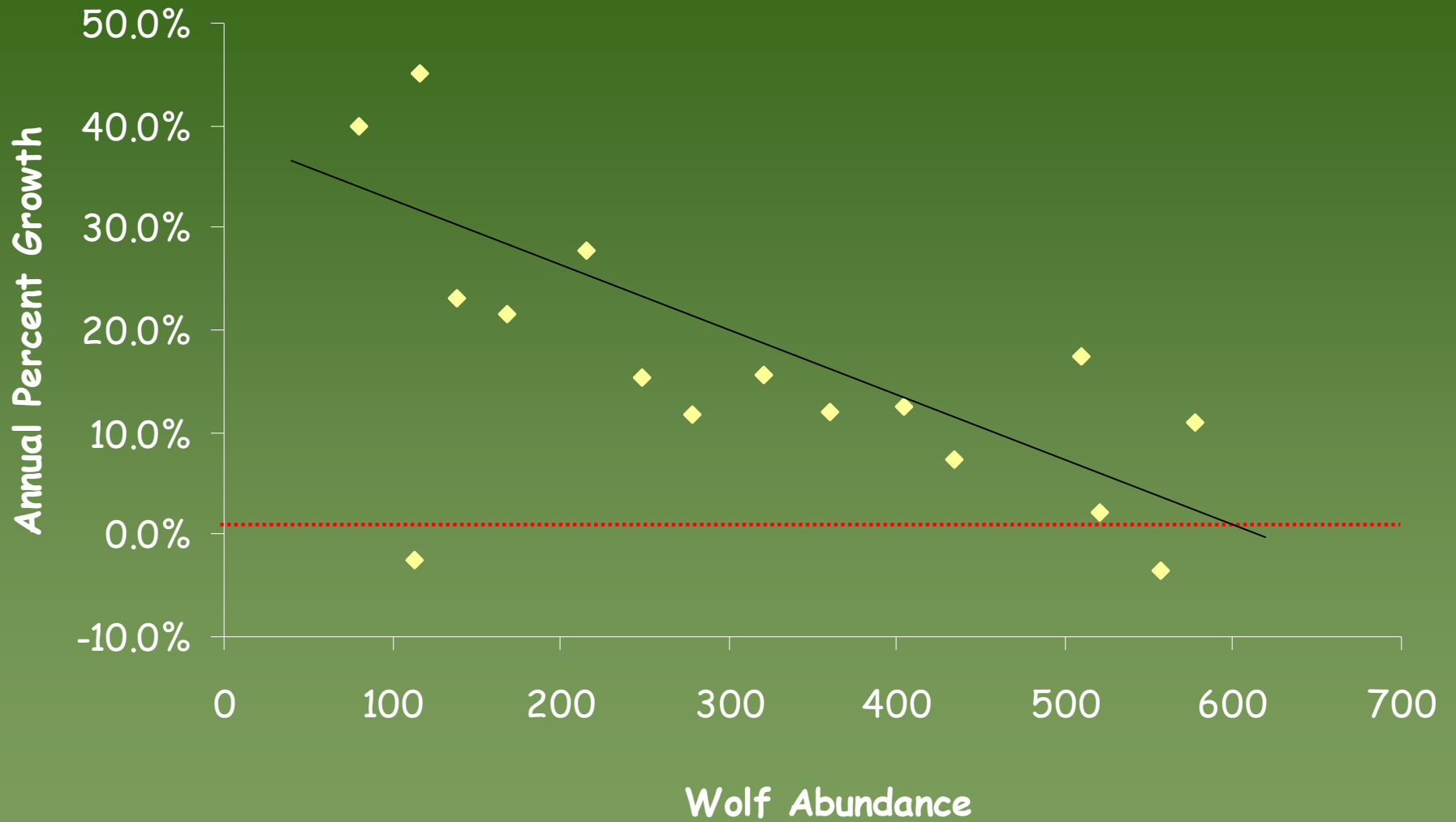


# Minimum Winter Population Estimates

No. of Wolves



# Population Growth Projection



# Wolf Population Survey Summary

Parameters	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Pop. Estimate	216	249	278	321	360	405	434	509	520	577	557
No. Packs	63	70	63	68	77	87	91	94	115	108	109
No. Pairs	27	33	17	18	24	24	22	21	27	20	21
No. Loners	14	5	8	11	6	6	11	5	11	4	3
<u>    </u> x Pack Size	3.2	3.5	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.3	5.1
Mi. Surveyed	6314	6205	7326	8092	8298	8458	8622	6562	5956	5687	5728
Hours	2550	2120	2447	2385	2005	2609	2122	1801	1413	1254	1410

# Recent Federal Actions

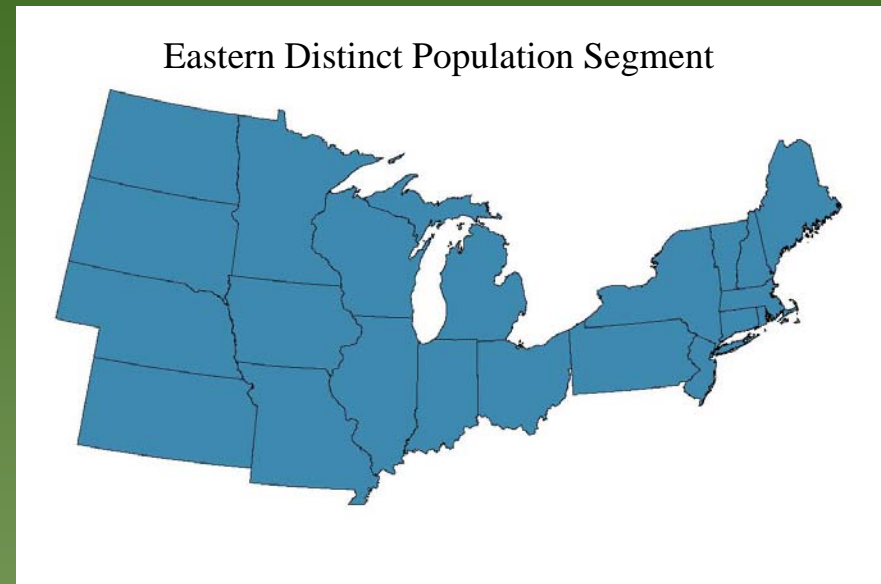
**April 1, 2003.** Wolves Federally Down Listed To Threatened

**July 21, 2004.** USFWS proposes delisting of wolves in the Eastern Distinct Population Segment

**January 31, 2005.** Federal District court abolished 2003 reclassification (back to Endangered)

**January 29, 2007.** Wolf delisting will be announced by Dale Hall, Director of USFWS, and Lynn Scarlett, Undersecretary of Interior.

**September 29, 2008.** Civil Action No. 07-0677 (PLF) Humane Society V. Kempthorne: Wolves moved back to an endangered Species.



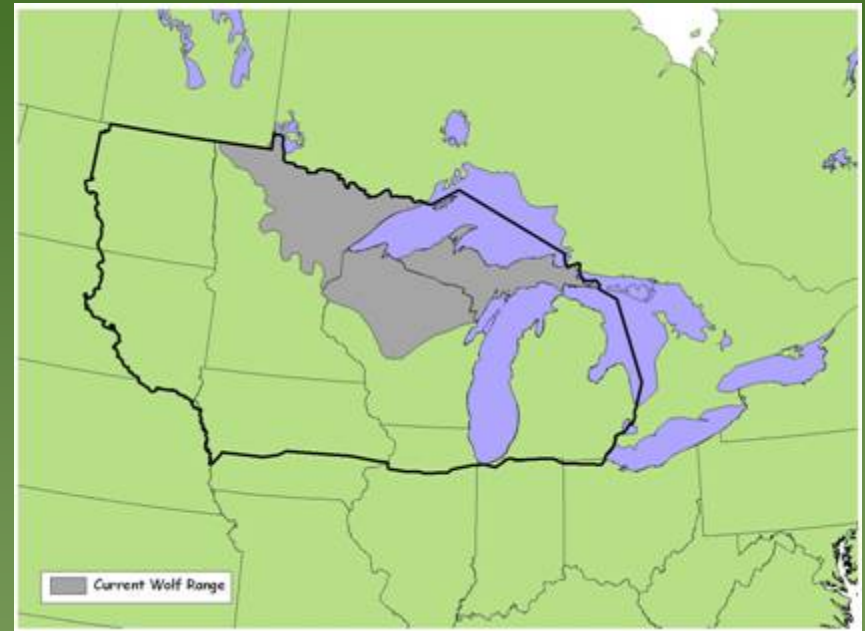
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**January 14, 2009.** Delisting announcement; delisting of wolves will be read into Federal record on January 27th and the delisting will take effect roughly 30 days later.

**January 21, 2009.** Delisting has been put on hold until further review by the new Obama administration.

**March 6, 2009.** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today affirmed the decision by the USFWS to remove gray wolves from the list of threatened and endangered species in the western Great Lakes and the Northern Rocky Mountains

**July 2, 2009.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reached a settlement agreement with plaintiffs. Wolf back on the Endangered Species List

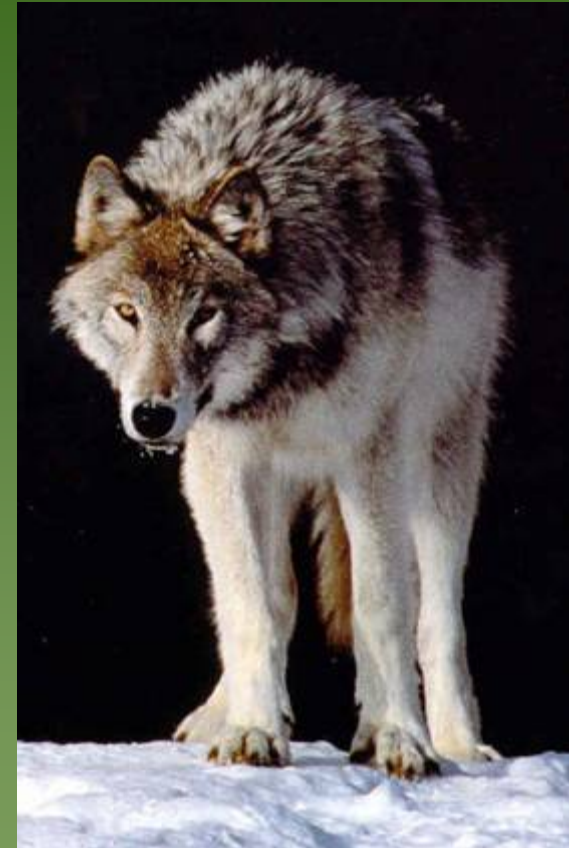




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**2011.** The USFWS is attempting to have a new delisting proposed rule out in April

When the new delisting rule is proposed, there will be a public comment period, during which comments in support of or against the delisting rule can be submitted to the USFWS.



An aerial photograph of a winter landscape. A large, irregularly shaped pond is frozen, with a light blue-grey hue. The surrounding area is covered in snow, with patches of bare, brownish ground and small, leafless shrubs. Several evergreen trees are scattered throughout the scene. In the upper right quadrant, a dog is lying down. In the lower right quadrant, three dogs are standing on the snow. The overall scene is serene and quiet.

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