



THE GRAY WOLF

At the beginning of 1995, the federal government restored 29 Canadian gray wolves to Yellowstone National Park and to wilderness areas in central Idaho. Populations of gray wolf are doing well in Canada and Alaska; however, populations in the Lower 48 states are listed as endangered. The goal of the reintroduction program was to create enough breeding pairs of wolves so that by the year 2002, the gray wolf could be removed from the endangered species list. The gray wolf is a highly intelligent, social animal that lives in groups known as packs. The pack is usually comprised of a dominant male and female pair, their offspring, and other adult members.

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