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To prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Washington, Oregon, and Utah
as endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, and Mr. STEWART) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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and Utah as endangered species, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pacific Northwest
5 Gray Wolf Management Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN**
7 **WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND UTAH UNDER**
8 **THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any wolf in a covered State shall
10 not be treated under any status of the Endangered Species

1 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an
2 endangered species, a threatened species, an essential ex-
3 perimental population, or a nonessential experimental pop-
4 ulation.

5 (b) EXCLUSIVE COVERED STATE MANAGEMENT AU-
6 THORITY.—

7 (1) EXCLUSIVE STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHOR-
8 ITY.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each
9 covered State shall have exclusive authority to man-
10 age wolves within the borders of that covered State.

11 (2) PROTECTION BY COVERED STATES.—A cov-
12 ered State may not provide protections to wolves
13 that is greater than the protections that would be
14 provided under the Endangered Species Act of 1973
15 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) if subsection (a) and para-
16 graph (1) of this subsection did not apply.

17 (3) REIMBURSEMENT BY COVERED STATES.—
18 Nothing in this Act precludes any State from reim-
19 bursing the owner of livestock for any loss of live-
20 stock that results from depredation by wolves, or
21 that derives from wolves, that were introduced into
22 the wild.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) STATE.—The term “covered State” means
2 each of the States of Washington, Oregon, and
3 Utah.

4 (2) WOLF.—The term “wolf” means any spe-
5 cies, subspecies, or population segment of *Canis*
6 *lupus*.

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