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2D SESSION

# S. 3825

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Mr. RUSCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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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 “State Wolf Manage-  
5 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATUS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN GRAY WOLF AS EN-**  
 2 **DANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES.**

3 Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16  
 4 U.S.C. 1533) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 5 lowing:

6 “(j) STATUS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN GRAY WOLF AS  
 7 ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES.—

8 “(1) DEFINITION OF COVERED ROCKY MOUN-  
 9 TAIN GRAY WOLF.—In this subsection, the term  
 10 ‘covered Rocky Mountain gray wolf’ means the por-  
 11 tion of the distinct population segment of the Rocky  
 12 Mountain gray wolf that is located in—

13 “(A) the portion of the State of Wash-  
 14 ington that is located—

15 “(i) east of the centerline of Highway  
 16 97 and Highway 17, north of Mesa; and

17 “(ii) east of the centerline of Highway  
 18 395, south of Mesa;

19 “(B) the portion of the State of Oregon  
 20 that is located—

21 “(i) east of the centerline of Highway  
 22 395 and Highway 78, north of Burns  
 23 Junction; and

24 “(ii) east of the centerline of Highway  
 25 95, south of Burns Junction;

1           “(C) the portion of the State of Utah that  
2 is located east of the centerline of Highway 84  
3 and north of Highway 80;

4           “(D) the entire State of Idaho; and

5           “(E) the entire State of Montana.

6           “(2) STATUS OF COVERED ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
7 GRAY WOLF.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The inclusion of the  
9 covered Rocky Mountain gray wolf on any list  
10 of endangered or threatened species under sub-  
11 section (c) shall have no force or effect.

12           “(B) STATE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—Not-  
13 withstanding any other provision of law and ef-  
14 fective beginning on the date that is 5 years  
15 after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
16 the Secretary may initiate a process to include  
17 the Rocky Mountain gray wolf on a list of en-  
18 dangered or threatened species pursuant to sub-  
19 section (c) if the Secretary certifies to Congress  
20 that a State, by and through the management  
21 plan of the State, has not provided for the  
22 maintenance within the State of not less than  
23 10 breeding pairs and an aggregate of 100  
24 Rocky Mountain gray wolves.”.