

State Management of Wolves

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Requester Information

Legislator: Owens, Derrin R.

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

For the past 15 plus years, as exploding wolf populations have caused tens of millions of dollars in negative economic impact of wildlife and livestock owner in the States of ID, WY, and MT, Utah has worked to keep wolves out of UT, until the complete Management of wolf populations in UT are solely managed by the state of UT. To date, this combined private and state effort has been successful. Hunter and landowner education and involvement is important to this effort. The US Fish and Wildlife Service in Oct. of 2020 returned wolf management - after extensive and expensive analysis to the State of UT. A California Federal Judge placed wolves back under Federal Endangered Species protection. This effort will help the US Congress implement the 2020 Wolf Delisting Rule, so wolves can be managed in UT, as they are in ID, MT and WY.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Keith Mark
- Organization: Hunter Nation- Private NOT for Profit
- Position: Founder/President

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$450,000.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$50,000.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00

- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$500,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024
\$0.00

One-time 2025
\$500,000.00

Ongoing 2025
\$0.00

Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled

Hunter Nation has extensive nationwide fundraising efforts, volunteers, and high profile advocates to assist in this Wolf Delisting effort.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy
Land and Environment

Agency:

063 / Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- Private Not for Profit
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Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?

The Entire state of UT - wildlife and livestock populations contribute more than \$1 Billion in annual economic activity to UT. It is estimated wolf damage to herds and livestock costs ID, MT, and WY, tens of million each year. The State of ID has had to fund an annual \$500,000 wolf bounty program to try and mitigate damage.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Keep wolves out of UT, until the state of UT is granted full management authority over wolf populations, in order to protect Utah's Wildlife herds, the hunting economy, the world renowned hunt expo, and livestock owners. Wolves also have killed man pets of people where wolves are found.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

1. Will wolf populations be prevented from establishing in UT until UT has full management authority 2. Will any wolves from Colorado, that migrate into UT, be returned to Colorado 3. Congressional Action, not subject to Judicial Review, to remove wolves from ESA protection, and allow the State of UT to protect its livestock and wildlife

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding

<https://cobi.utah.gov/2023/464/issues/20756>