

# Meet Our Wolf Experts



*Defenders of Wildlife is a leader in the field of wolf ecology and proactive conservation techniques. Below are brief biographical sketches and contact information for our wolf experts working in the Northern Rockies:*



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**Suzanne Asha Stone** has worked on wolf restoration in the Northern Rockies since 1988, including serving as a member of the 1995/1996 USA/Canadian wolf reintroduction team and helping to care for many of the wolves released in Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. She currently oversees Defenders' programs for wolf conservation and restoration in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Wyoming. She works directly with ranchers and farmers to devise and implement strategies to reduce wolf depredation conflicts and is the lead author of "Livestock and Wolves: A Guide to Nonlethal Tools and Methods to Reduce Conflicts." Suzanne also developed Defenders' Livestock Producers Advisory Council, and she currently serves on the Western Wolf Coalition steering committee to help promote wolf conservation within the region. Suzanne was born in Texas but moved with her family to Idaho when she was a child. She holds a master's degree in Wildlife Conservation and Conflict Management from Prescott College in Arizona.



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**Jesse Timberlake** works with local ranching communities across the Northern Rockies to initiate use of animal husbandry practices that will result in a more conservation-minded approach to wolf management. He manages one of Defenders' signature proactive conservation projects in the Big Wood River Valley of central Idaho, where he leads a team of field technicians that protect sheep from wolf depredation during grazing season. Before joining Defenders of Wildlife in 2007, Jesse worked with the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Geological Survey in Montana, mapping vegetation structure and composition for use in wild land fire management. Jesse grew up in England and holds a B.Sc. in Zoology from the University of East Anglia and a master's degree in Taxonomy and Biodiversity from Imperial College, London.

## Wolf Experts and Other Resources



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### Other Resources

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wolf Recovery Program, <http://westerngraywolf.fws.gov>

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, [www.aphis.usda.gov/ws/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ws/)

ID: (208) 378-5077; MT: (406) 657-6464; WY: (307) 261-5336

State wildlife agencies, [www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html](http://www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html)

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Jon Rachael, Idaho State Wildlife Manager, Idaho DFG, (208) 287-2795

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Western Wolf Coalition, [www.westernwolves.org](http://www.westernwolves.org), (406) 922-0609

Greater Yellowstone Coalition, [www.greateryellowstone.org](http://www.greateryellowstone.org), (406) 586-1593

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