



## National Gray Wolf Delisting Public Hearing

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# What to Expect & How to Prepare



# **Denver Training Call**

Monday, November 18th  
6:30 to 7:30 pm MT

Call in Number: 1-800-356-8278  
Conference Code: 585948



# Road Map

- What is a public hearing and why should you attend?
- What to expect?
- How to prepare?
- Hearing details



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# What is a Public Hearing?

- An opportunity for the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to hear from the public directly
- Provides another way to offer official comments (other than in writing)
- Oral testimony becomes part of the official record



# If not you, then who?

This is your opportunity to share your passion and opinion  
with key decision makers.

**Always Remember** —your voice does make a difference!



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# What to Expect?



- Speak directly to a panel of 3-5 federal officials and biologists
- Testimony will be recorded
- You will not be able to ask questions of the panel while testifying
- Address the panel, not the audience
- Strict three-minute time limit



# What to Expect?

## Who else will be there?

- Fellow wolf supporters
- Press and Media
- Supporters of the wolf delisting



It's important to be civil and professional  
in your comments and actions

Those supporting the delisting of wolves may be vocal and loud – don't let them distract you from giving your important comments and **do not engage them.**



# How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

It's essential for FWS to HEAR why you want wolves protected and restored to their historic habitat



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## Most important: Use your own words!

- Use Defenders' talking points to get started, but...
- Don't use all of the talking points
- Write out your testimony and submit it at the hearing
- You will only have three minutes





# How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

## A few more tips

- Start with the statement that you oppose the FWS proposal to delist the gray wolf
- Explain why you want wolves to retain protections under the ESA
- Personalize your testimony
- You don't need to include background information on wolf recovery

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# How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

**Practice your testimony at home to make sure you are within the time limit**



The panel will ask you to stop once you've reached the time limit.



# Tips for Testifying in Person

- Speak slowly and clearly
- Make eye contact with the panel
- Stay focused in your message
- Be respectful of the hearing officers and others while they are testifying
- It's okay to be nervous!



# The Day of the Hearing

Wear a gray colored t-shirt to show your pro-wolf support

Come to our training session and pep-rally to:

- meet fellow wolf activists
- hear from community leaders, activists, and wolf advocates
- get last minute information and updates
- practice and refine your testimony
- enjoy some snacks and refreshments



# The Day of the Hearing

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Please join us at 3:30pm for our training and rally, and to sign up to testify.



There is a lot of interest in this issue, and we want to make sure our voices are heard.



# Denver, CO

## Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

- **Hearing Location**

Paramount Theatre

1621 Glenarm Place

Sign-up to testify: 5:00pm

Public Hearing: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

- **Training and Rally Location**

Crowne Plaza Hotel – Downtown

1450 Glenarm Place

Park Room

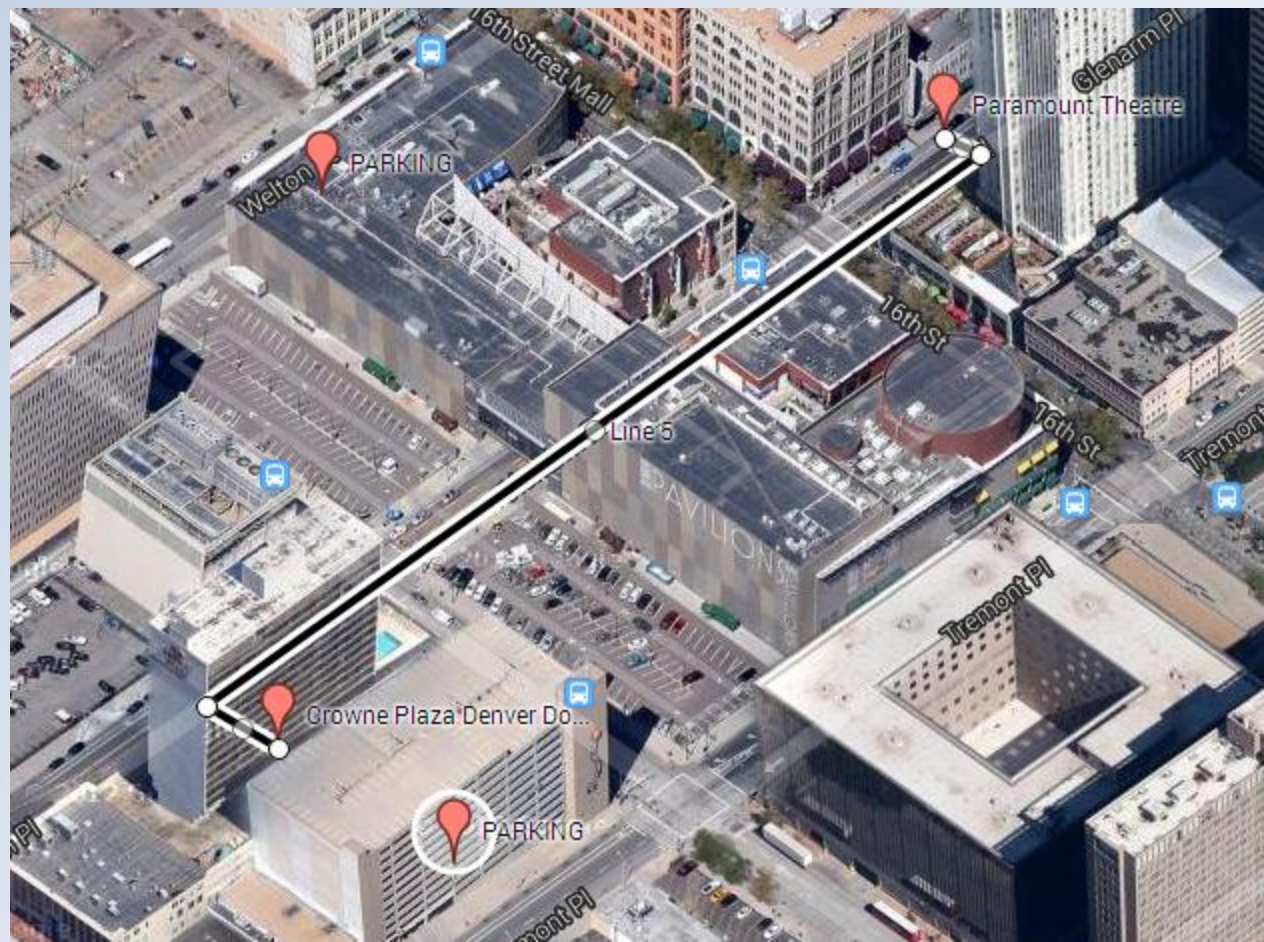
Training and Rally begin at 3:30pm



# Parking

- **Crowne Plaza** -- \$15  
(SPECIAL RATE – take your parking ticket to the front desk and tell them you are with Defenders of Wildlife)
- **Garage behind Crowne Plaza** (enter at 15<sup>th</sup> and Tremont) -- \$12
- **Garage at Denver Pavilions** (enter on Welton in between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) -- \$14

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# Questions?

