

Delisting Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Population

The USFWS analyzed...

- NRM Distinct Population Segment
- Area needed for wolf population recovery
- Threats to wolf population
- State & Tribal management
- Post-delisting wolf monitoring

Minimum Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Population by State: 1979 - 2007

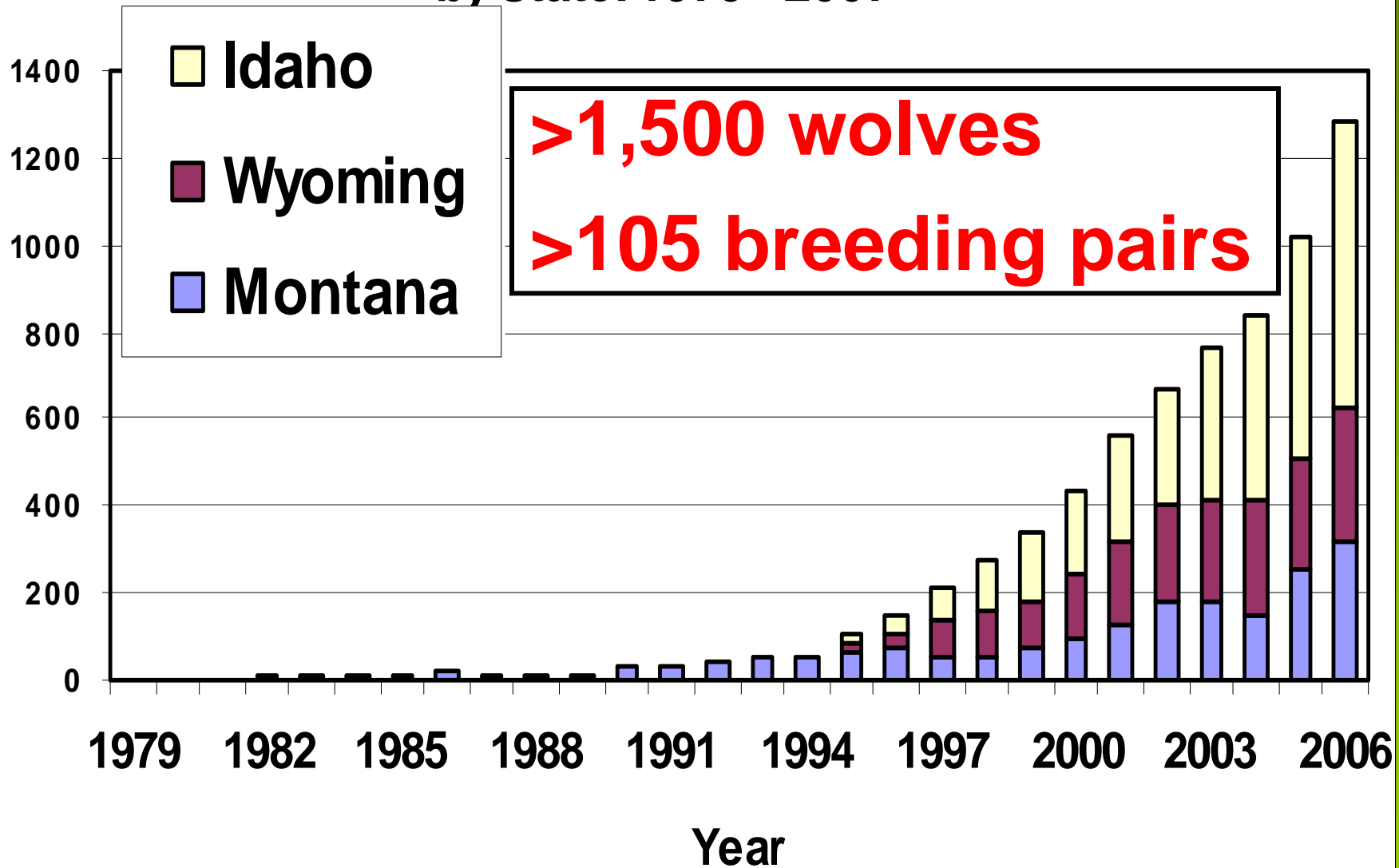
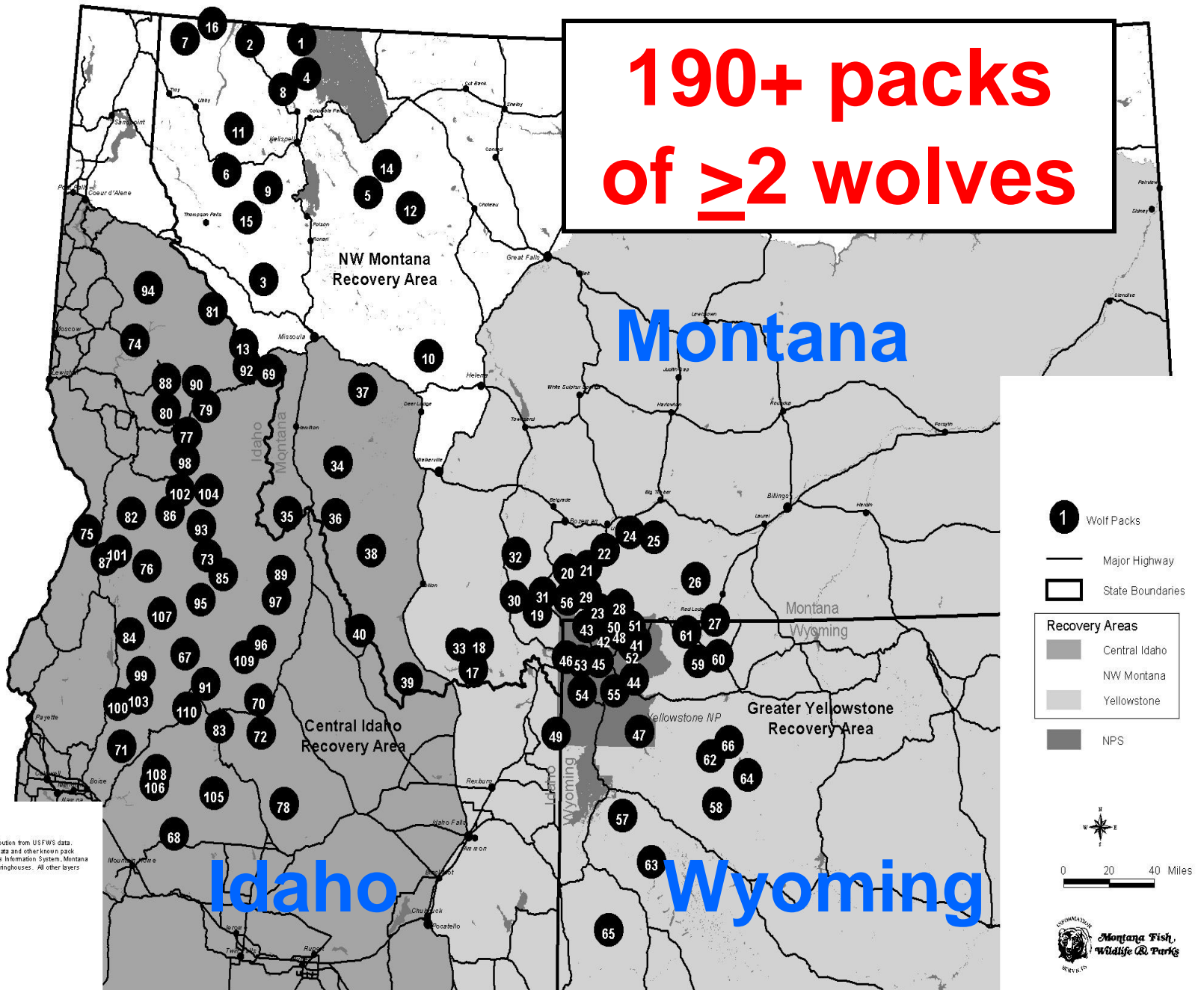


Figure 1. Central Idaho, Northwest Montana and Greater Yellowstone Wolf Recovery Areas

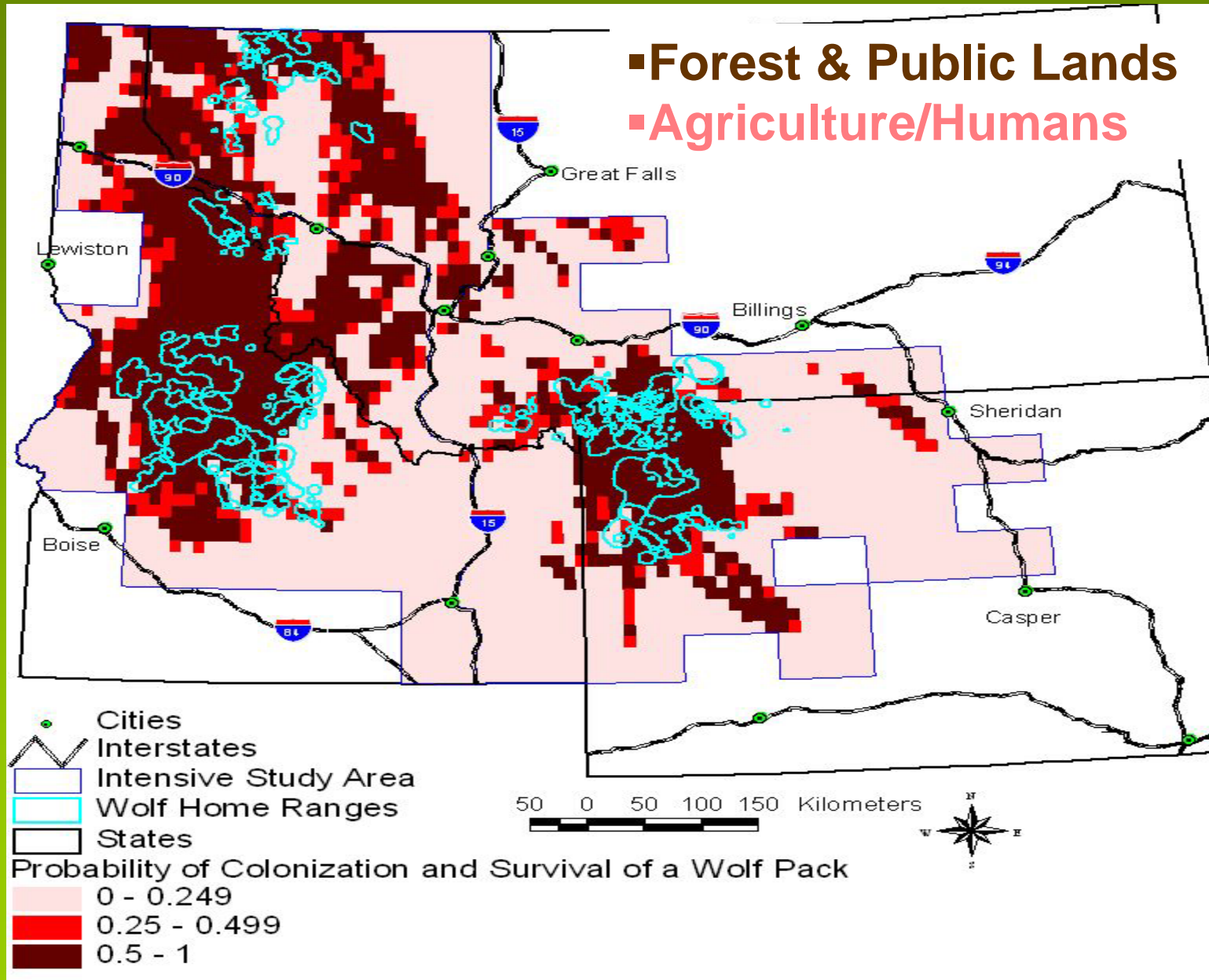


MFWP Information Service Unit digitized Wolf Pack distribution from USFWS data. Data digitized at various scales using USFWS telemetry data and other known pack location data. All other data layers from Natural Resources Information System, Montana State Library, Helena, MT, Idaho and Wyoming Data Clearinghouses. All other layers digitized at 1:100,000.

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Pack Persistence Model



RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT STATUS

- Wolf population fully recovered
- Most suitable wolf habitat occupied
- All threats have been resolved
- MFW&P manages MT wolves
- IDF&G manages ID wolves
- USFWS manages WY wolves (WDGF will manage after WY wolf management law in effect at delisting)
- Delisting the NRM wolf population appropriate

NO THREATS TO WOLF POPULATION

1. HABITAT

good shape

2. OVER-USE

regulated

3. DISEASE & PREDATION

no threats

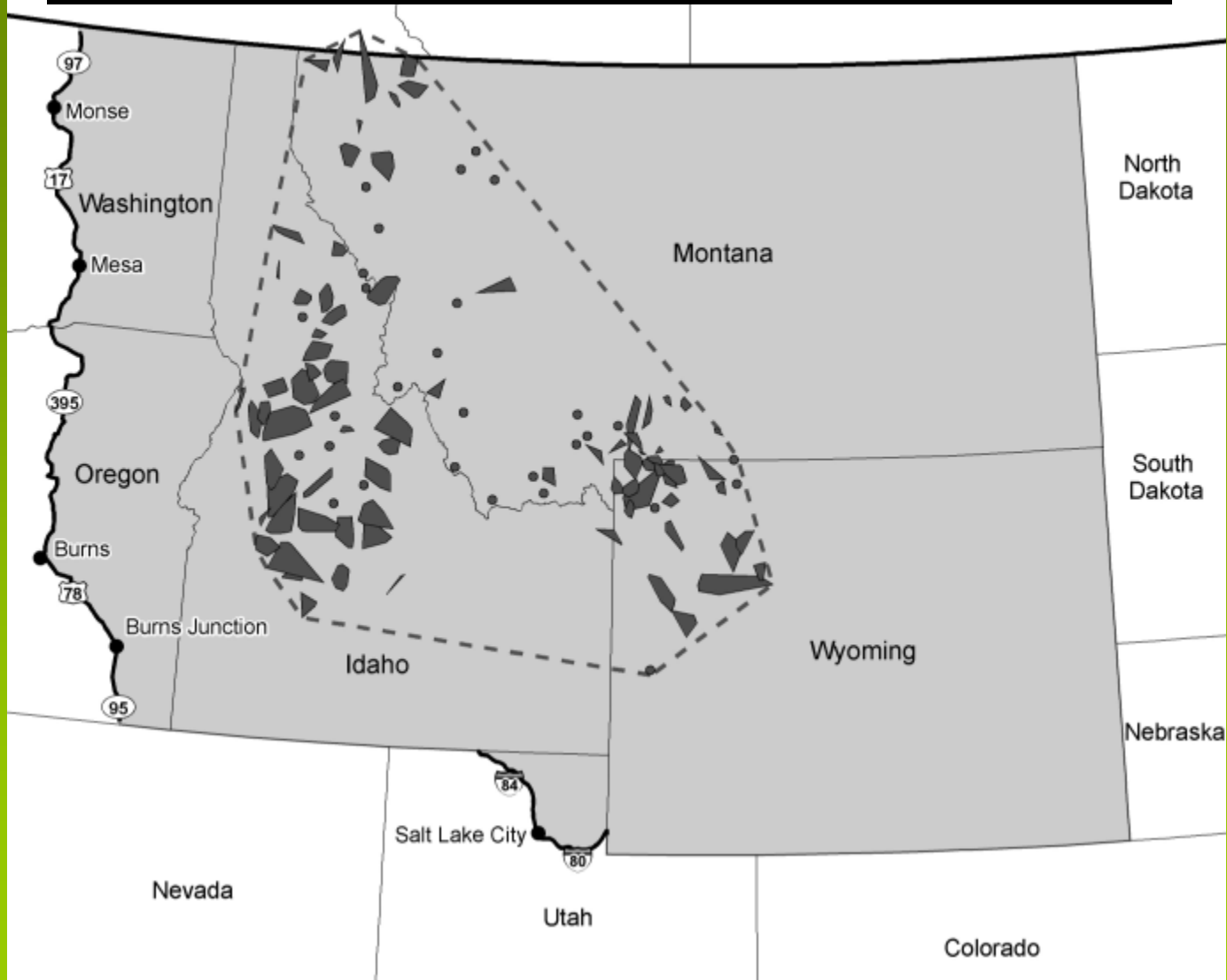
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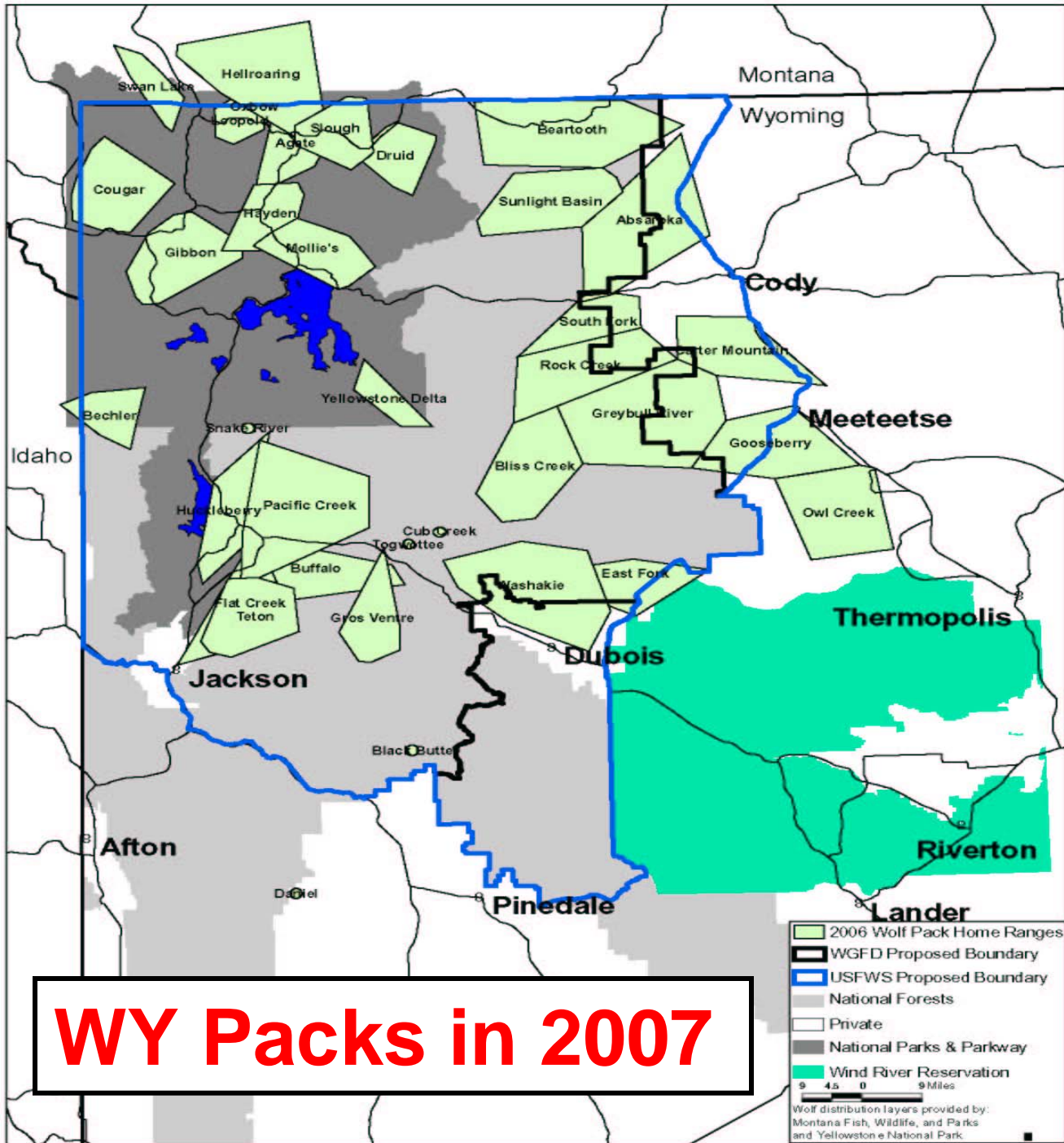
MT, ID, & WY laws/plans adequate

5. OTHER FACTORS

no threats from genetics, wolf pack structure, climate change, etc.

NRM Distinct Population Segment





WY Packs in 2007

The NRM wolf population is no longer threatened because...

- Wolves numerous and well-distributed
- Human-caused mortality is regulated
- MT, ID & WY State laws and plans adequate
- WA, OR, UT - no wolves necessary for NRM recovery
- State F&G professional and competent
- Wolves to be monitored closely for 5 years

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- Delisting is effective on March 28, 2008
- Litigation expected
- Thank you for your interest