

USFWS Employee Prompt Card for Public Meeting

Hello everyone and thank you for coming today. The Fish and Wildlife Service has convened this meeting to hear the public opinion regarding the 5 scenarios we are proposing regarding wolf reintroduction to Yellowstone. You have been invited because you represent a diverse group of Americans who have varied interests with regard to the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park.

As a reminder, the following scenarios are being examined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- Scenario 1: **Reintroduction of experimental** populations of wolves. The designation “experimental wolves” gives the people who manage wolf populations more freedom in decision making and gives the wolves less protection.
- Scenario 2: **Natural recovery** (no action taken). Encourage wolf populations to naturally expand into Idaho and Yellowstone.
- Scenario 3: **No wolves**. Change laws in order to prevent wolf recovery.
- Scenario 4: **Local wolf management committee**. Turn wolf recovery management over to individual states and limit federal government involvement.
- Scenario 5: **Reintroduction of non-experimental** wolves. By designating the wolves as “non-experimental” they are given much more protection.

It is our goal to hear your concerns and try to come up with a solution that will help protect your interests and balance the needs of the Yellowstone ecosystem.

Let’s begin the forum by going around the circle and having each one of you introduce yourselves by stating your name and your role in the community. Then state which scenario you support and explain why you support it. Also express any concerns you may have about other scenarios.

After everyone has spoken, we will open up the discussion for clarifying questions from members of the public and from USFWS employees who may want to better understand your concerns.

During this meeting USFWS employees will be observing and making notes on your concerns for use in their deliberation.

Please remember to be courteous to each other and to respect each other’s opinions even if they are vastly different from your own. Yelling, arguing, and emotional outbursts are grounds for dismissal from this public forum.

Thank you and let’s begin. (Choose a member of the public to begin).