

**20th Annual North American Wolf Conference
Chico Hot Springs, Pray Montana**

Monday April 7th

6:00 - 8:00 **Icebreaker Social (Denny Olson – as “Crittterman”
Educational Presentation)**

Tuesday April 8th

8:00 - 8:30 **Welcome: Introductions and Announcements**

8:30 - 9:00 **Montana State Update**
Carolyn Sime, Gray Wolf Program Coordinator, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks

9:00 – 9:30 **Wolves, Prey and Fire in Central Idaho Wilderness**
Jim Peek, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

9:30 – 10:00 **Developing a Wolf Conservation and Management Plan for
Washington**
Harriet Allen, WDFW, Olympia, WA

10:00 - 10:30 **~Break~**

10:30 - 11:00 **An Alternative Proposal for the “Conservation” of Mexican
Gray Wolves**
David Parsons, The ReWilding Institute

11:00 - 11:30 **Red Wolf Five Year Review – Status and
Recommendations**
Bud Fazio, Team leader, USFWS Red Wolf Recovery Program

11:30 - 12:00 **Ecological and Evolutionary Divergence Among and
Within Wolves of Western North America, with Special
Focus on Rainforest Wolves of Coastal British Columbia**
Chris Darimont, (University of California, Santa Cruz), co-
authors: Thomas Reimchen, Violeta Muñoz, Jennifer Leonard,
Robert Wayne, and Paul C Paquet

12:00 - 1:00 **~Buffet Style Lunch~**

- 1:00 - 1:30 **How Many and Where: Applying Principles of Conservation Planning, Genetics, and Policy Science to Wolf Recovery Goals under the Endangered Species Act**
Carlos Carroll, Klamath Center for Conservation Research
- 1:30 - 2:00 **What Does It Mean For A Species To Be Endangered In A “Significant Portion Of Its Range”?**
Jeremy Bruskotter, Ohio State University, Sherry Ensler, University of Minnesota, Melanie Houston, Ohio State University
- 2:00 - 2:30 **~Break~**
- 2:30 - 4:00 **Proactive Projects Case Studies Panel**
Lane Adamson, Jael Kampfe, Carter Niemeyer, Rick Williamson, Doug Hesse, Janelle Holden, Jesse Timberlake
Suzanne Stone – Moderator
- 6:00 – 7:00 **Wolves of Yellowstone: Exciting Sneak Preview footage of Yellowstone wolves by world-renowned filmmaker Bob Landis.**

Wednesday April 9th

- 8:00 - 8:30 **Wolves in the Crosshairs: A Scientific Case against the Final Rule of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Removing Northern Rocky Mountain Gray Wolves from the Endangered Species List**
Valerie Bittner, Attorney, Seattle, WA
- 8:30 - 10:00 **Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Delisting Panel**
Panelists to be announced. Jamie Clark -- Moderator
- 10:00 - 10:30 **~Break~**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Analysis of Population Structure and Gene Connectivity in the Gray Wolves (*Canis lupus*) of the Northern Rocky Mountains**
John P. Pollinger, UCLA
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Biogeographic and Genetic Factors in Rocky Mountain Wolf Populations**
Ken Fischman, Ph.D. (Genetics), Ancient Pathways to a Sustainable Future, Sand Point, Idaho

- 11:30 – 12:00 **Movements, Prey and Habitat Selection by Wolves**
Andrea Morehouse, University of Alberta
- 12:00 - 1:00 ~ **Buffet Style Lunch** ~
- 1:00 - 1:30 **Tracking Wolves Post Delisting**
David Ausband, University of Montana, Bozeman, MT
- 1:30 - 2:00 **Torrent or Trickle? Elk, Wolf, and Human Influences on Willow Determine Yellowstone's Trophic Cascade**
Nathan Varley, M. S. Boyce, E. H. Merrill, R. L. Crabtree,
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Yellowstone, Alberta,
Canada and Ecological Research Center, Bozeman, MT
- 2:00 - 2:30 **Foraging Strategies of Eastern Wolves in Relation to Migratory Prey in Algonquin Provincial Park**
Karen Loveless, Trent University
- 2:30 - 3:00 ~**Break**~
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Delisting Wolves: Are the Western Great Lake States Ready?**
Dr Edward Fitzgerald, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
- 3:30 - 4:00 **America's Wolves Lawyer Up**
Rob Edward and Melissa Hailey, WildEarth Guardians
- 7:00 - 9:00 **Alpha Award Banquet**
(Cocktail Hour sponsored by NRDC)
- Alpha Award presented by Wolf Recovery Foundation**
- Keynote Speaker – Doug Smith, Yellowstone Update**
- Live Auction (with Rick Williamson) and Silent Auction**
benefiting nonlethal, proactive wolf projects efforts in the Northern Rockies

Thursday April 10th

- 8:00 - 8:30 **Assessing Ranchers' Attitudes toward Livestock Compensation in the Southwest**
Stacy J. Vynne, University of Oregon

- 8:30 - 9:00 **Howling Differentiation between North American Grey Wolves**
Nicholas Broman, Wolf Haven International, Tenino, WA
- 9:00 – 10:00 **A Prejudice Born of Fear and Ignorance - Did Wolves Kill Kenton Carnegie?**
Paul C. Paquet, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
- 10:00 - 10:30 **~Break~**
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Costs of Wolves' Visits on Cattle and Elk**
Isabelle Laporte, Master student, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Aerial Survey Approach and Population Dynamics**
Nathan Webb, University of Alberta
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Closing Comments**
- Noon **~ Buffet Style Lunch ~**

Thank you and see you all next year!

Friday April 11th

Yellowstone Wolf Field Trip with Doug Smith

For those registered, the Yellowstone field trip vans will depart Chico Hot Springs main lobby at 5 am and will return before noon. Sack breakfast and sack lunches are provided. Please dress for the weather (layers are best), wear good walking shoes, and bring your own binoculars, sunscreen (hopefully needed), and water. If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Timberlake at (208) 424-9385 or email jtimberlake@defenders.org.