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112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Idaho and Montana as endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REHBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Idaho and Montana
5 Wolf Management Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
2 the States of Idaho and Montana.

3 (2) WOLF.—The term “wolf” means any spe-
4 cies, subspecies, or population segment of *Canis*
5 *lupus*.

6 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN**
7 **IDAHO AND MONTANA UNDER THE ENDAN-**
8 **GERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

9 Any wolf in Idaho or Montana shall not be treated
10 under any status of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
11 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an endangered spe-
12 cies, a threatened species, an essential experimental popu-
13 lation, or a nonessential experimental population.

14 **SEC. 4. STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.**

15 (a) STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—Each State
16 shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the management of
17 wolves within the borders of that State.

18 (b) PROTECTION BY STATES.—Nothing in this Act
19 shall preclude any State from providing protections to
20 wolves equivalent to those protections provided by the En-
21 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

22 (c) REIMBURSEMENT BY STATES.—Nothing in this
23 Act shall preclude any State from reimbursing the owner
24 of livestock for any loss of livestock that results from dep-

- 1 redation by wolves, or that derives from wolves, that were
- 2 introduced into the wild