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Oregon Farm Bureau statement on gray wolf decision

SALEM, OREGON, Nov. 27, 2019 — After sitting pending for years, the Oregon Court of Appeals finally ruled on a challenge by Cascadia Wildlands to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s decision to delist the gray wolf under the Oregon endangered species list. Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) and Oregon Cattlemen’s Association (OCA) intervened in the lawsuit to support the delisting decision and ensure the Court understood the impacts on ranching families.

The Court held today that a bill championed by OCA and OFB, which delisted the gray wolf, rendered the case moot and the challenge was dismissed.

This is a huge win for ranch families and the livestock industry, which have long advocated for responsible wolf management in Oregon.

It’s important to note that wolves are still listed in parts of eastern Oregon and western Oregon under the federal Endangered Species Act, though OFB has strongly supported the recent proposal to delist them.

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Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, general farm organization representing the interests of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon at the county level in 1919 and the state level in 1932, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Sharon Waterman is an OFB Hall of Fame honoree and operates a Century Ranch raising sheep, cattle, and timber in Bandon. She is OFB’s 16th president.