

Science Time

Program Content for November 11, 2015

Read the article “**Oregon faces cultural divide over wolf protections**” on page B6 of the Monday, November 9, 2015 edition of The Seattle Times.

Pre-reading and Vocabulary: Define each term and then use it in a sentence to demonstrate your understanding.

1. eradicated
2. livestock
3. endangered
4. extinction
5. quota

Comprehension Questions

1. When were wolves eradicated from Oregon?
2. How many adult wolves now live in Oregon?
3. What are wildlife officials voting on this month in regard to gray wolves?
4. Why has Oregon been considered a model for wolf management?
5. Who is for and who is against relaxing protections for gray wolves in Oregon?
6. What do wolf advocates worry are two risks of delisting wolves from Oregon’s state protection list?
7. What human activity was responsible for wolf populations in North America to go from millions of individuals to near-extinction?
8. What Federal law was responsible for protecting wolves from unregulated killing in the Lower 48 states of the U.S.?
9. What impact did Congress have on wolf populations when they were taken off the endangered species list in parts of the U.S.?
10. What led Oregon to stop shooting problem wolves and adopt nonlethal methods to help livestock producers minimize wolf predation?
11. List the nonlethal methods used by Oregon to help livestock producers minimize wolf predation.
12. How many wolves could Oregon support?

Prompts and Extensions

1. Hold a classroom discussion/debate or write a position paper defending ranchers in favor of decreasing wolf population or environmentalists and other wolf advocates in favor of keeping wolves protected. Use the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association’s [website](#) and the Center for Biological Diversity’s [website](#) to research and inform your position. Also use this [radio story](#) as a resource
2. Watch this [video](#) about the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone Park and the ecological benefits they provide
3. Read this recent [article](#) from the Seattle Times about wolves in the eastern part of Washington state. While reading record how the wolf population in Washington and issues involving their arrival are similar to and different from those in Oregon.

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