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Comments related to SB139/AB137: Establishing a statewide wolf population goal

Sierra Club opposes SB139/AB137.

Arbitrary wolf population goals undermine the ability to manage wildlife based on best-available science and ecological changes. As written in the draft Wolf Management Plan, the goal should be for the state to have a self-sustaining, self-regulating, and genetically diverse wolf population that maintains connectivity with wolf populations in neighboring states and fulfills their ecological roles.

Further, this bill undermines the authority and role of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the stakeholder deliberation, tribal engagement, and public input process that DNR must do before determining how to manage our natural resources.