

March 16, 2009

Honorable Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment  
House of Commons  
Parliament of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Prentice,

Re: Management Plan for Eastern Wolf, a Species of Special Concern under SARA

The Ottawa Valley Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-Ottawa Valley) has had a long interest in the protection of the Eastern Wolf, a species that is recognized in Canada as a Species of Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act (SARA). We are very concerned that a Management Plan for the Eastern Wolf has been delayed.

According to the Act, there is a requirement that a Management Plan be prepared for each species that falls under this designation. The Management Plan for the Eastern Wolf was due for release and public comment in June 2008. However, this deadline was not met.

The purpose of designating a species as a Species of Special Concern under SARA is to prevent it from becoming further at risk. This goal cannot be achieved without a comprehensive Management Plan for the species and its habitat.

Can you let us know, as soon as possible, when a draft Management Plan will be released?

Sincerely,

Rick Mutzke  
Chair, Eastern Wolf Committee  
CPAWS-Ottawa Valley Chapter

cc: The Prime Minister  
Liberal Environment Critic