

Sen. Felzkowski, Colleagues: Does northern California know what's best for Wisconsin's wolf population

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Madison, WI – Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey White from the Northern District of California ordered federal protections for gray wolves to be restored in the Midwest. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland), and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) released the following joint statement:

“Once again, an out-of-state federal judge more than a thousand miles away from Northern Wisconsin, who does not have to deal with an out-of-control wolf population and the negative impacts this will continue to have on our communities, has kowtowed to liberal special interest groups and rescinded our state’s right to manage the wolf population based on Wisconsin science.

“We’ve recently received resolutions from the Langlade and Forest County Boards requesting that the Department of Natural Resources implement meaningful population control in the Wolf Management Plan and bring the wolf population down to a reasonable level.

“If out-of-state judges are going to continue to make decisions for Wisconsin residents, Wisconsin residents should have the ability to hold them accountable – that is not the case here. This order will have negative consequences on the safety of our communities, tourism, farming, and property values of the Northwoods. Hopefully Attorney General Kaul will do everything in his power to right this wrong.”