

**No Request for Comment**

The Service has not made a final decision as to any potential regulatory matter discussed herein and does not request any public comment on this ANPR. We will be following standard rulemaking procedures and anticipate publishing a proposed rule on the removal of the Western Gray Wolf DPS from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in the near future. A public comment period will open upon publication of the proposed rule in the **Federal Register**, and we anticipate conducting public hearings during the public comment period to

discuss the proposed rulemaking with you.

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**List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17**

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

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