

Media Advisory, January 2, 2024

Federal Court in Boise Will Hold Hearing Thursday on Idaho Wolf Trapping

BOISE, *Idaho*—Federal Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale will hear arguments Thursday about whether to halt wolf trapping in Idaho to protect grizzly bears. Grizzly bears are protected as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and wolf trapping risks killing or harming them.

What: Federal court hearing on a lawsuit challenging Idaho wolf trapping and its risks to grizzly bears.

When: 9:30 a.m. MST, Thursday, Jan. 4.

Where: James A. McClure Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 7, 440 W. Fort St., Boise, Idaho.

Media availability: Representatives from conservation groups will be available in person, and by phone before and after the hearing.

Background

Thirteen conservation groups [sued](#) the state of Idaho in 2021 challenging its extreme wolf-trapping rules, which facilitate the slaughter of Idaho's gray wolves. The lawsuit says continued and expanded wolf trapping and snaring will injure and kill federally protected grizzly bears. The loss of even a few of these ecologically important predators could significantly hamper their recovery in Idaho and violates the Endangered Species Act.

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