

April 29, 2024

Members of the United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the nearly 6 million Farm Bureau member families across the United States, we support H.R. 764 and H.R. 3397.

H.R. 764 directs the Department of the Interior to reissue the final rule titled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife,” which was published on Nov. 3, 2020. Farm Bureau has been an active participant in the wolf issue for decades and was supportive of this rule. The delisting was an example of how careful management and partnerships between federal and state agencies can result in the successful recovery of a once-threatened species. Farm Bureau was extremely disappointed in the court ruling to return the gray wolf to the endangered species list because it exceeded recovery goals and should be celebrated as an Endangered Species Act success story.

H.R. 3397 requires the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule relating to conservation and landscape health. This recently finalized rule changes BLM’s interpretation and implementation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to “clarif[y] conservation as a use within BLM’s multiple use framework” without explicit authorization from Congress. Farm Bureau opposes these significant changes in land management and after recent conversations with BLM remains concerned that this rule will negatively impact our Western members engaged in public lands grazing.

Farmers and ranchers have been good stewards of the land and our natural resources for generations. These two pieces of legislation will help ensure the next generations have the tools they need to do the same.

AFBF encourages a “yes” vote on these bills.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall  
President