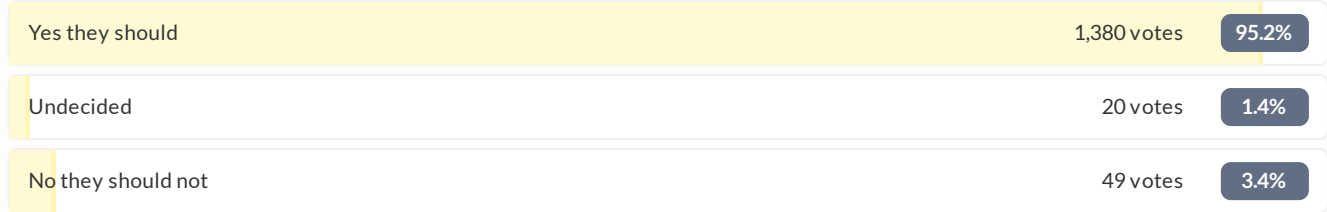


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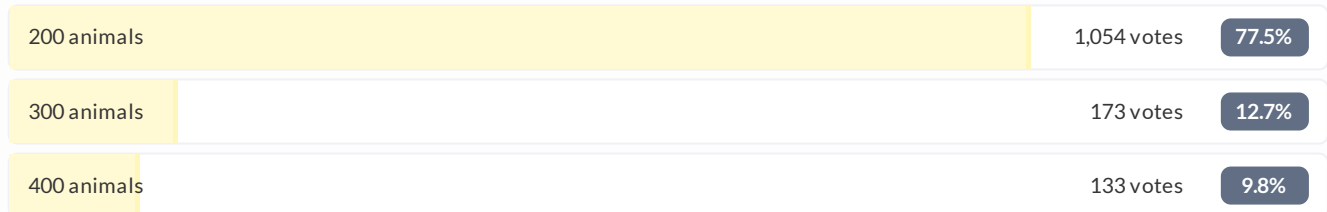
Should the Michigan DNR manage the Grey Wolf population by having controlled hunting and trapping season?

1,449 answers



What do you feel the Grey Wolf population should be?

1,360 answers



Comments

578 answers

Wolves have decimated the deer herd and are now targeting livestock. Time to get rid of them or relocate them to traverse city or Detroit.

None they are defaming the deer herd and the small game there are too many predators in the u.p. competing for food

I fail to see what good the wolves do.

they should be left alone and protected

Please do something about these wolves they have put a big toll on the deer herd in our area I just came back from muzzleloading by Newberry and we seen more wolf tracks than deer tracks. We come up to the cabin knowing we will be lucky to see any deer it's pretty sad actually you DNR people should be ashamed of yourself I hope you do something about this thanks

Not sure what the numbers should be. Should be room for all of us.

Have a few wolves too close to home. I have dogs and worry constantly

Less than 200 their out of control

Get us a season soon!

We don't need any!

The DNR should know, understand and believe that farmers lose a lot of animals in a year due to wolves.

I have had a couple of wolves for the last several years in my area, that I have seen on my trail camera. Our deer herd seems to be remaining stable.

Zero The deer have enough competition already. Winters, cars, and man. Ask the sportsman what the population of deer was like this year in their area. Wake up all of you people and limit these critters it's not funny anymore.

I think the best wolf population is 0!

If there is a large pack, and the Alpha is killed in a hunt, that large pack may break off into a couple smaller packs. Now you have two breeding packs vs one

Kill em all

Wolves are an integral part of our ecosystem and balance a healthy predator-prey relationship.

They destroyed the deer population in Osier MI area.

The lower the wolf population the better

Ban all hunting and trapping of wolves.

Amazing how many times I go coyote hunting and we have wolf encounters. Less than 200 would be better yet.

I live in Mackinac County and we have wall to wall wolves. I hunted 5 different deer blinds around my house and they are all in a 6 mile radius. Every one of my blinds have wolf tracks around them. No DNR biologist is going to tell me that doesn't have much effect on deer. They keep telling us to believe us and not your lying eyes.

No killing of the wolves unless one has gone rogue and needs to be put down.

Way to many right now. Iron county is terrible right now.

If the recovery goal has been exceeded and there is a huntable population. Then there should be a hunting season on wolves in Michigan.

The past 2 years I've only seen 5 deer in schoolcraft County. I know wolves aren't 100% to blame but they are a major contributor.

Less than 200

0

the wolves have decimated the deer herd here in the U.P.

Shoot them, trap them, or live trap them and give them to counties down state see if folks down there start bitching. Live in Whitefish Twp have been run out of my deer area 3 years in a row.

No wood poulation.

I haven't taken a deer in u.p in two years due to low deer populations, I have seen evidence of wolf killing deer everywhere were I hunt. Wolves outnumber deer everywhere in schoolcraft county.

Something should be done the hide your head in the sand way of management the top officials in the mdnr is an embarrassment to the sport's people of Michigan.

They are wiping out the deer population! Places I've hunted form decades no longer have any deer just wolves! It's like an infestation! Shame on the DNR.

I can't comment on the entire up I can only comment on the central up where I hunt, and there are wolf tracks everywhere I've been all season. The numbers in the UP how could you ask me that? I have no clue but whatever they are there's plenty more than we need.

They currently have no way of keeping numbers in check

Zero

Less than 200

need to do something asap its destroying michigans whitetail herd

Your options suck. They're a reason the population was zero. Also Mi-DNR managing anything properly does not seem possible

Less than 200. They are top predators and will only leave carnage behind them

Why wasn't there an option for 0 animals?

Seen more wolves on camera this year and wolf sign in the woods than ever before. Deer numbers have also Drastically declined

The fewer the better

Zero

200 or less.

More than 400 animals by far

The real number should be zero. We are the apex predators, we should keep it that way.

Should be zero, but that doesn't appear to be an option.

Please help

Deer populations are plummeting across the UP, its only a matter of time before the people stop buying deer tags.

Hardly anything but predators in the woods of school craft county. Hawks, owls, coyotes and wolves are what you see. All the prey animals are close to the towns and villages.

Saw the same amount of wolves on opening day as deer....1. Disappointing, never saw another deer in that area. Thanksgiving day I cut 20 sets of wolf tracks in a half mile walking in to take my blind down. Don't care whether it was 1 wolf or 10, still too many!

Hunters financially support the management of wildlife. They sre the key. The wolf cannot fit in this arrangement without also being managed.

Maybe 50 in All of Michigan total

0 animals. There is absolutely NO need for wolves in our ecosystem

People are making unfounded claims of the wolve's impact on other wildlife and are painting them as overly vicious and predatory because of their irrational fear of wolves.

I think less than 200 the deer have a hard enough time in the keweenaw

The population should be zero

I feel it should be less than 200 but that's not an option. The other animal specie's populations are suffering due to the increase in the wolf population. Children and pets are not safe in their own yards with wolf in the area.

Without a question, the state should take responsibility to manage the animal populations based on science and not politics.

Less than 200

When they are comfortable to come in your yard and take out a family pet. They need to go.

Should be no wolfs on up

As an apex predator top of the top, an animal that can kill hunderds of deer, even bears and moose to what extent of a wolf pack killing a herd of cows or deer or horses, before something is done? How many times have wolfs gone rogue and gone into towns to what extent of wolfs preying on people before Something is done? There are many people who think they are nice to look at in picture but dont understand that a wolf is not the size of a chihuahua and a killers.

Way too many wolves

We need a season to manage these animals.

Wolves ruined my hunting property

The wolves and coyotes are whipping out our dear population. We found 13 dead in their den area. There is at least 3000 wolfs in the UP. Some say more like 6000. We don't need wolfs or coyotes. Now we're seeing more sightings of mountain lions it's getting out of control.

Or less than 200

O

NA

Overpopulated

They don't have a clue how many there are. No at all.

Out of control. Just had a pack of 4 wolves go past a cell camera a week ago. Have had wolves on camera all summer and fall long. They need to be managed. Our deer herd is suffering

The are killing livestock and dogs all over the western UP. Won't be long before they get hungry enough to eat a kid. Get rid of them all!!!

Time has come for a Season on them.....

0 animals would've been my answer if it was a option

Wolves are killing all the deer here in the u.p.. they kill family pets .. next it will be people ...we need a wolf season

Or less maybe a lot less

200 is still 200 to many

I see no reason for the wolf population.

O there is a reason they're extinct

<100 wolves would be better. This is a waste of time because of the libtard bureaucrats that run this state. The northern U.P. is a barren of pretty much any game species now.

Way less then 200 they should be able to be killed and trapped year round just like Coyotes

There's two pac of wolfs by Moran of six or more in a pac

We have gone from over 800,000 to less them 550,000 deer hunters. Do the math.

A small pack(5-8 animals) per county is plenty.

If there was a lower number than 200, I would have picked it.

They are wiping out everything. It's bad when you see more wolf tracks than deer tracks.

Want to be able to hunt them with hounds

Way more here in Michigan and theirs more the 800

Control

They have really devastated the natural wildlife , they have no fear of humans, personally I come to the u.p to relax and ride horses , I have saw quite a few wolfs to close for comfort and they don't even break stride when they see you ,

Less than 200

They should be exterminated completely. We get no benefit from them. They kill our dogs, deer, bear and cubs in the den. What's next our children?

Talk to the loggers the hunters watch the videos we have a large problem here

I am seeing more wolf tracks vs deer tracks at blind

I hunt the East Lake area I Mackinac county, have seen dramatic increase in wolf activity this fall. Trail cams, tracks and sighting on daily basis. Literally more wolf sign then deer. Not good for MI sportsman.

Killing the deer hers. Wolves need to be managed or open season needs to take place and soon!!

I believe the wolves are necessary to help keep a healthy deer population

Way over 400

I live three and a half miles northwest of Iron River Michigan. I have had numerous wolfs take deer down within a hundred yards of my house. Daily there are tracks up and down the road. You let us manage every other predator but the wolf. It is foolish to not manage the wolf population in the upper peninsula. I talked to a gentleman that watched a pack of seven wolfs take down a fork horn while he was in his blind. Look at the other states that manage with wolf hunts, DO THE SAME THING AS THEM!!

When it comes to killing deer just to kill them, or peoples dog, cats or other pets its time for population control !!

We have a buck pool with 32 guys.3 bucks killed.3pt,small7pt and ok 8pt pretty sad.Thank you DNR 🙄

We need a hunting season for wolves, they are hurting the deer population and in some areas, they have been known to kill peoples dogs right out of their yards. They need to be controlled!

We are over ran with wolfs in the UP. Not worth having hunting property anymore

Just say no to wolfs!

Have not seen a deer in 15 days of hunting

The wolfs are way out of control

The wolfs in the upper peninsula have put a serious hurt on the whitetail deer population throughout the county's in the upper peninsula.

The wolf population has decimated the deer herd .I personally know several people who not only feel the same way but actually stopped going to the upper to deer hunt because of the wolfs.

The wolfs are decimating the UP deer herd.

Needs to be managed to many animals

They are on the roads in the up..

They have ruined deer hunting in the up do somethinh

Wolfs will destroy the whitetail population in the upper peninsula

Should be no population

The DNR should start learning to operate on a limited budget if they don't start controlling the wolf population...

Time for a Wolf hunting season.

For the past two years deer hunting has been ruined out at my camp due the increase in wolf population, we have found two of our older bucks this year to be eaten by the wolves and no buck has showed since and very few doe.

Wolfs have ruined the tradition of deer hunting in the UP. My camp near Hulbert has been decimated by wolves. I have over \$125,000 invested into property that allowed us to harvest deer every year and bear whenever we drew tags. The wolves have either killed or run all the deer out of the area and the bear activity has been extremely disrupted. I would be happy to never see another wolf in the UP

This survey is useless and bias and incomplete

Should no zero wolves!

The wolf population is out of control. Deer hunting the the UP has turned into hunting land that hasn't been effected by wolves.

Kill them all

The original goal was 200 in the u p I've talked to a d n r biologist that was transferred to Marquette and she said about 5 years ago there were over 1200

Killing are deer herd off

Decimated deer population around our camp.

15

Our ancestors shot as many as they could for a reason

I have wolves where I live out here on Merriman truck trail they are definitely a threat to my dogs I have had them in my yard trying to get at them .they will only do it once if they harm my dogs

I believe there is way too many in the Upper Peninsula right now

Ideally the population should be limited to strays, just as the cougars are.

I wish the sportsman could control the hunt they are probably the only ones that really know how many wolves are out there

Thought originally they wanted around 200 and now that we are at 1000 ((I believe it's higher) it's time to start reducing the numbers.

To many of them

200 is a maximum number and trouble packs need to be controlled better!

Less than 200 animals

We have far too many wolves and a lot less deer.

We have way too many and our livestock are being destroyed!

The people who are deciding the outcome DO NOT LIVE THERE!!! Maybe they should talk to the local people !!

Should be less than 200 in the upper... it's bad enough the deer in northern upper Michigan have to fight the snow now they've been fighting predators too!

Let nature take its' course. The population should only be "regulated" if there is a possibility of extermination!

Our DNR should not be enforcing federal policies about the wolf, not a hunter in Michigan wants them here

I think the number should be zero. Our ancestors did away with them for a reason

Way to many, west Rock, MI

No wolfs

If we set the bar at 200 maybe they can get it back down to around 700, I don't think the conservation has a clue of the mess they've created!

None

IMO reduce the number of deer seasons and one buck and one doe

Saw few deer but heard many more wolves than in the past (both day and night). Hunted in Delta county.

The options create a false impression that anyone that answers actually supports the Grey Wolf in Michigan. Truth is very few that commingle with the wolf want them around. They need to be wiped off the face of the earth.

200 hundred or less

We don't need any of them period. Plenty of coyotes

I would like no wolves and manage the deer winter feeding programs

They don't have any negative effects where I hunt. They don't bother me, I enjoy knowing they're out there. They put the wild in wilderness.

More than 400, 700 would be OK if problem animals are controlled!

See em, shoot em, bury em.

Lots of close encounters, they are hurting the deer population tremendously

The upper peninsula deer herd have numerous disadvantages going against them. Wolves, cars, winters, migration and hunters. I believe wolf numbers need to go down, with the following hunting regulations changed to improve our herd.

Less than 200 animals

They're pushing further and further into civilization, killing dogs, farm animals, it's only time till it's someone's life, will the state finally take notice then? Let's not let it get that far.

There should be zero wolves

Please allow sound wildlife management in regards to these animals. As a hunter, and conservationist, I love the wolf. But these animals must be managed like every other large animal

Until we have more support (food, yarding, and mineral sites) for the deer population I think the wolf population needs controlled.

Too many wolves. The old timers got rid of them for a reason.

The wolves like all other wild animals in Michigan should be managed using scientific research provided by the DNR.

200 wolves at a maximum population no more than that

Take out as many as we can

I'd opt for zero but 200 is better than over 1000 that we truly have. When they howl outside our backyard in the Central UP, it worries me about my hounds and my grandkids. Not to mention the deer herd. This is a UP issue that should be decided by those of us who live with and deal with them every day, not a wolf lover (that isn't impacted at all) from the lower.

Why do we need them ? Bad news, period !!!!!

Way out of control!!

None

We have too many wolf at this point. The deer and grouse are taking a hit! We need an open season on wolf for one or two years to bring the numbers down.

They didn't get rid of them all 100 years ago for nothing

I have not deer hunted at cabin in Deney for 5 years because of the wolf problem. Very angry about this.

Don't want what happened in Wisconsin, which essentially turned into a mass killing and was out of the governments hand and mismanaged. UP population has improved but would like more research and robust packs before hunting and trapping begins. Don't think it's appropriate to have this year or next. Maybe in next 5-10 years if packs are robust and food chain becomes negatively affected, which at this point to my knowledge has not. Also don't love that I can't pick a number above 400 for pack size as it's estimated to be currently around 700.

Just a big coyote

With harvesting animals that are interacting with livestock.

None

Saw 6 in Covington while hunting this season. Open the season

Restricted hunting, yes. Trapping, no. I don't know what the correct, supportable population should be so I guessed at 300. This should be determined by wildlife biologists & the DNR, NOT special interest groups or hunting organizations.

I believe wolf population should be zero

Population of wolves is way out of control

There are way too many wolves in the UP. They are taking a huge toll and all wildlife populations primarily deer. Each year I see more and more wolves and wolf sign scouting than the year before.

When the wolf population is not managed, it is neglect I'm part of the Michigan department of natural resources. Do I want him eradicated from the earth absolutely not. But they do need to be managed.

I have witnessed multiple sightings of wolves. I have also experienced a very large drop in volume of shots heard on Sugar Island. Many hunters are leaving to other states opening day of deer hunting.

Thank you

They have no natural threat. Any apex predator left unchecked will ruin the entire ecosystem.

Should be 0 population

Lots of wolf sightings and tracks in the cedarville and hessel area

I think numbers should be set small and give it a try. I would say 30-40 would be a good quota. Previous hunt only got 25/30 I think.

Had a wolf kill a female mama moose and a small deer within 300 yards of my blind this bow and rifle season. Baby moose has been spotted multiple times without mom.

We don't bear hunt the up anymore with our dogs because of the wolf's. Sad

the wolf population is negatively affecting the deer population and must be controlled with trapping and hunting

I own property in newberry. Very low deer numbers due to wolves sad to see Whats happening up there to the deer population .wolves MUST BE MANAGED like every other critter

Virtually ruining the UP

Wolves are decimating the deer population in The Upper Peninsula to the point where less and less hunters are making the trek north to hunt. As this continues to happen, local economies will be affected.

Wolves should be managed as the deer, elk, Turkey are in this state, especially concerning that they are an apex predator and feed off of the resources the state manages and provides profit through sales of licenses and economic value into our economy. Wolves should be managed, hunting is a great way to do this and I pray for our deer herd, ecosystem and economy this can be done this year!

I honestly would like to see the grey wolf population at zero.

Way too many wolves. They DO present a peril to humans.

I have been hunting the Upper Peninsula since I was legal age in 1975 I've seen rough winters and what they do to the deer numbers the numbers have always come back up not so since the wolves have been in the picture numbers are down and not going to get any better till you thin the numbers of wolves I've seen more wolves this year than deer delta county

They are out of control in the eastern U.P.

Predators are dangerous for pets and livestock. Get the deer herd back to a healthy level

I think we can co-exist with the wolves, but there are too many. Also they aren't afraid of humans, for example they have followed equestrians on the trails. This should not be happening, it shows there is no fear of humans. I'd like to see the wolf numbers controlled and a fear of humans be instilled, BEFORE a child is killed. Which is going to happen, at this rate.

Thanks for the survey

when the deer gone what will they eat? pets livestock backpackers? hikers? hunters?

Unsure but I know they have had a devastating effect on overall deer numbers

Hunt 3 different counties in the UP. Iron, Menominee, and Dickinson every camera has wolves on them. Along with increased bear numbers and tags going down.

Population should be zero

200 would be too many if they are concentrated in small areas.

Over abundance of wolves for years now.

Zero to none!

I have had several encounters over the last few years, specifically. Something needs to change immediately.

Please get this species under a manageable number

There's no way to answer the second question without having an accurate count of what is there now, I definitely think there are way too many, especially in certain areas. A better question would be to ask how many licenses should be sold each year for a wolf management hunt, I would answer it and say follow Wisconsin guidelines.

Need to control wolf population!

Wolves are decimating the deer population. Wolves are killing farm animals and pets. There are too many wolves.

Wolves need to be hunted so the population stays in check and it also installs fear of humans in them. They are way to brave when they are willing to come right in peoples yards

I think a better # is closer to 125 wolves as the population tends to concentrate in certain areas out suitable to the wolves.

There's too many I work in the woods from the west to the east of the UP and I see lots of them and hardly any deer

Should be less there is no need to have that many wolves I won't go berry picking or mushroom hunt without a gun anymore Wolves and Cougar's

I think it time crack down wolves too many of them cause too many problems put people and kids and house pet and live stock in risk get rid them bring deer population back for hunting not about inures company or stop supporting lower Michigan that have no idea what upper michigan going thou with all mess so time get dnr head out of there ass and do job !!

Zero

They need to do something there's way too many and our deer population has taken a pounding by not controlling the wolf

need to address this problem now and stop running away from it

I believe the population should be zero! They are destroying our deer population!

Just like our deer, elk, turkey, bear, etc., wolves should be managed accordingly.

They are killing our deer population and they are not scared of people.

Wolves on every trail camera we have out in the kenton area...(25 cams over 100 sq miles). Population is expanding and will soon kill most of the fawns in the area

Due to breeding numbers there should be unlimited harvest. They are decimating areas one square at a time in the Eastern UP. Every hunter should be able to buy one OTC tag every year.

There are way to many wolfs

I don't know what the # should be.

Don't want any In the Upper peninsula

200 was the original number we were told when they pushed this on us!

We have a pack of wolfs I believe living on our farm lease in Randville. 8 wolfs in two picture actively hunting. 12 guys hunting for a week and only seen 4 deer. 6 years ago we would see 60-80 deer in the fields. Not any more. 12 guys between 500 acres. 4 deer harvested in last 3 years is horrible. We are considering canceling our lease and staying down state. -\$10,000/yr for the UP.

I dont think wolves have a place up here. Put 400 downstate

Deer herd has suffered tremendously! Population of deer is way down in Dickinson county.

Even 200 is too many in the UP where there are harsh winters.

unsure what the second question means. Like the total population of wolves in the U.P.? Regardless the less the better.

The wolf population has been out of control for the last 20 years!!

It is imperative that wolfvrange be extended below the bridge. Until that happens we can have all the surveys we would like and the DNR can still hide behind their statewide surveys.

We need this ASAP

Zero animals is the better answer for wolves

No one really knows what a safe population of wolves should be.

Every deer license should come with a wolf license.

The population should be less than 200. They should be treated no differently than coyotes or any other predator.

Wolves should be managed like any other predator in Michigan. All game animals in my area of Moran have declined since wolves have taken a foot hold. It's a shame the DNR, NRC and Lansing has put special interest groups ahead of its own constituents.

All animals need to have a space to call home but all animals need to be managed. These wolves are getting out of control in the u.p and if nothing happens it will be very bad to our ecosystem up here.

zero actually ...

There are to many.

wolf < 200

I don't know what the population should be but there is no doubt it is to high.

Wolf's are bad in eastern chippawa county more pictures of them then bucks thats for sure.

This survey does not reveal anything! Too many questions are missing! ie, how do they control it, is there going to be a bounty on them? Etc.

Zero

Should have never brought them back.

We have way to meanie

They have no fear of humans and that is dangerous. We had a wolf in our back field a while back and it kept coming closer and closer to our house and farm animals. One night our LGD was barking non stop so out we went with a 22 and on small hill just of our yard in the moon light is this huge

The grey wolfs should be killed or trapped and taken away they are hurting the whitetail deer population they are making dog hunters not want to go run or train the dogs pretty soon they will be the leading animal on the food chain which will hurt everything and everyone from businesses to people to pets and all wild animals

100 would be more appropriate.

Kill the deer eating and soon man after the are gone

Wrecking lots of peoples deer season enjoyment

We have no deer population left and they are starting to attack live stock now due to not enough food

I don't believe they should be eradicated, but definitely need to be controlled through hunting and trapping.

Wolves suck!

Allowing a predator to go uncontrolled, throws the whole ecosystem out of balance.

There should be only a population between 50-100 wolves in the UP

They have depleted the deer where I hunt

Should be zero!! No different than all of the coyotes in lower Michigan! Pretty bad when 50+ can be harvested in a square mile!!

I see fewer deer and a wolf once a year afraid to take my dogs hunting

It depends on thier concentrations how they should be managed.

No wolves would be better, seeing they're not native to the upper peninsula

The density it much to high on the UP

There are way to many. Time to manage.

We had a very poor deer season to many wolves and coyotes

There are way too many in the Upper Peninsula

Arguing to "let nature take it's course" is an impossible argument after you have already mingled in it... Pluss... That would mean total elimination as nature already decided long ago .

Do something

Our way of life has been taken, one couldn't live off the land even if they wanted. Simply don't have the natural resources to do so.

They do not belong here our for fathers killed them for certain reasons

Self sustaining population of about 600 upwide

Useless and way to many . I do not see deer or partridge inn ottowa nat. Forest any more

Wolves can repopulate quickly and they need to be controlled or they will start to feed on livestock and pets. Yellowstone is 3500 sq. miles and have 123 wolves as of January 2021. I am unsure of the Upper Peninsulas wolf number but your 12,877 sq miles larger and there is not the prey that wolves need to feed on here. It is better to control the numbers now before there is a problem.

And less than 200

There are alot more wolves than any calculation I've seen. The hunting season needs to be only in the UP as of right now. Tourism is being hurt since there are no deer to be hunted. There used to be deer for every camp in Raco. Now you're lucky if you see a buck. There is nothing to keep the wolves in check and they are out of control. Look at the Engadine livestock kills and those are not the only ones. And it's not even dead of winter yet. The wolves are killing livestock because there are no deer.

They are becoming less fearful of man and aggressively stalking. Experiences during deer hunting season surprisingly did not result in wolves being killed in self defense.

If season is opened, it should on have a limited number of tags available.

Way too many in my area. Might as well quit buying hunting license because there's no deer

The reason wolves are beginning to "encroach" with prevalence is a: population and b: they're relatively unafraid of human encroachment/pressure.

This survey should only be available to people whom live in the U.P. Its of no concer to anyone else.

It should be more.

There are way too many

Kill them all. They have no positive purpose in habitted ares

Where do you think the deer population went? How many deer does a pack of wolves kill a week to suvive?

I have been an admirer of wolves my entire life. I do not solely blame them for the deer population decline in the Eastern U.P. I believe it's a combination of predators, hunting, vehicle collisions, and illness/winters. In my opinion, predators need regulations but have every right to co exist in our woods.

Wolf hunt is needed,

Timber Wolves also need to be managed.

Have seen more wolves then dear lately, it's a wonder we even have a deer season anymore.

Wolfs should be manage just like coyotes and foxes they are more intelligent and harder to kill anyways they can take care of themselves and no where near endangered

Population out of control! Reduce numbers!

To many farm animals and wildlife killed!!!

zero animals.

under 100

I feel it should be under 200. The deer may eventually come back but the toll it is taking on domesticated animals, the supply of meat, hunting related activities and business is all hurting the economy.

I hunt in Dickinson County. Deer population is so low I saw only 5 deer while sitting dawn to dusk for one week. But I sure heard the wolves!!!!!!

I have no idea what the population should be.

0 is my true feeling!

Everyone in camp now stays home for deer season not worth it no deer

The wolf population is greater than 400

I don't have enough information to correctly answer the second question. What are the numbers now? Driving, I see lone wolves frequently. My neighbors in Goetzville see packs in broad daylight. It's getting way too

Or less

I hunted in the UP this past rifle season and had multiple encounters with wolves! The wolves are causing a major effect on the deer herd!

there is no room for wolf in the up

The deer population has suffered terribly under the current management of the DNR. Anything we can do to promote out deer heard "quality" should be implemented.

Wolfe's are cute but hard to eat cute things if they don't taste good

It's hard to pick for a quota without seeing some up-to-date numbers. when the dnr in the last year or so reported around 400 in the UP, while many of us who spend alot of time in the woods know there are probably 200 more wolves then they said. The methods of collar and snow tracking are not enough to keep track of a rapidly expanding population its enough to be accurate for the amount of studies they have released in wlknown wolf areas.

The natural balance should never have been messed with by the DNR in the first place. Actually seeing a wolf used to be an awe inspiring and very rare experience to U.P. residents. Now wolves have become an object of derision and hate because the geniuses at the DNR outsmarted themselves once again.

There is just too many wolves the numbers need to be controlled

It's bad when you see more wolf tracks than deer tracks. The deer population is down and everyone can stop blaming the winters. We can't have global warming and bad winters at the same time 😞

Personally I don't think we need them. Children. Can't even play in the woods like we used to.

They are out of control and something needs to be done we're losing our small game and now our deer population

More then you think there is.

I think the number of wolves should be determined by the DNR. As for a hunt, I think it would help keep the wolves away from humans, due to fear.

I don't buy a deer license anymore. Wolves decimated our local deer herd.

I can't have my children or pets play at our camp because of the wolf pack that surrounds use just yards away day and night!

Game species bring income. Wolves have a negative impact to game species. Make them game species and return the money.

Or less

There should be zero wolves in the UP. Shoot them all.

Too many wolves!

I guess I don't understand why we limit the amount of bear that can be harvest in areas. Bears don't have large litters of young every year. Why shouldn't we help control the numbers of wolf's. I'm not say to wipe them out let's just help keep numbers controlled.

Lost two dogs to wolves and know numerous people have lost livestock. Not against wolves but they need to be managed.

As a child growing up there, wolves were exciting. Not so anymore, the huge amounts of hunter dollars and resources that went into moose reintroduction then literally fed to wolves, shame.

Kill 'em all!

Need to thin them out before its too late

I don't think we any wolves in Michigan. We spent a lot of time and money to get rid of them once already.

0 wolves

Way to many wolf's in Burt Township

It's time for these animals to me managed before the situation gets worse than it already is.

Keep to the original goal of

Two hundred was there recovery goal and that's were population should be maintained.

It's hard to answer these questions without more information about population sizes and densities of both wolves and their prey. It's not what I "think" should happen. What do Ecologists say about this?

First year of having wolf on camera. Always knew they are around and see tracks, but a first this year having them on camera.

They need to control the herd so we can have a deer herd back.

There are way to many in the upper peninsula. They should be controlled not out of hand. When I fear for my dog getting eaten that a problem!

Zero should be an option

Zero wolves

I personally dont have issues with wolves in my area but once in a while they do pass through but there are certain areas in the y u.p

Honestly Zero population. They never should have planted these predators to begin with

No deer left sad

I hunt in the Eastern UP near Trout Lake. For the pst 4-5 years we have seen more wolf tracks than deer and struggled to see a deer at all. I'm not against having wolves in the UP but they need to be managed

Deer numbers are way down. Seen 5 different wolves on my 65 acres.

Zero Wolves

Do something! Before it's too late

Wolves are absolutely adorable

200 is probably too many.

Killing Michigan's hunting.

Wolves everywhere in the UP, need to manage them like everything else

They are killing the deer herd. I barely saw any deer all of hunting season and could hear them howling almost every night as I was leaving my blind

They have a place in the ecosystem but cannot go unregulated. Deer numbers in our area have been steadily decreasing and deer sightings drop drastically when wolves show up on trailcam

To many in the Keweenaw peninsula

Have a damn hunt and let people trap them!

Leave the wolves alone. We have enough idiots killing them!

I'd rather see a bounty put on wolves. The DNA would make a lot more revenue on that, than a limited hunt at \$100 bucks a tag. I'm tired of seeing wolves everywhere in the UP.

I can't answer your second question, not enough information

200 maximum

It's getting pretty bad that there's wolf tracks right where people work these days

It's hard to put a number on what the population should be when we currently don't know what it is. I'm an avid bear hunter and I feel there are more wolves than bear.

You better do something before it's too late.

The feds need to stick to the original restoration goal of 200 wolves between Michigan and Wisconsin COMBINED.

Pay attention to deer herds, and dead hounds

None as far as I am concerned

They are overtaking the UP, please put a hunt on the grey wolf.

See lots of wolf sign in the east UP, 3 deer seen in 3 days

To many wolves no deer around here!!

Actually the population could be smaller.

1, If the science shows wolf numbers need to be lowered then yes for question #1. Anecdotal evidence doesn't count. 2, Where did the numbers for the second question come from?

We are infested with wolves here

Wolves are a self-limiting species. They will manage their own numbers

I feel population is 2 to 3 times higher than DNR likes people to believe

No grey wolves

I don't believe the actual number of wolves is known or understood in the UP. They need to decide on an optimal population and manage to it.

The UP is over ran with wolves

In the last few years, I've seen wolf tracks and heard wolves more and more in the area I hunt. In addition, I'm seeing limited numbers of does, and most are without fawns.

I think need manage wolf's and not wipe them out they are a part of nature

They have decimated our deer population.

Management costs money and wolf tags should reflect in price.

Biologist should decide the number of wolves an area can sustain

The number agreed upon in 1995. The wolf population is out of control. Deer hunting sucks. The DNR ruin everything they touch.

Ideal number is zero, and anyone with a rifle, shotgun, or trap should be managing them. Kill them all, they are vermin.

Should be zero wolves

They're over populated in eastern UP north of St Ignace . Things are out of balance , deer populations are pretty decimated.

Less than 200 for the u.p. id say but 200 is the lowest number I could select

Way to many in Menominee county especially in the chain hills area. They are coming across the river

*Depending on area. Trapping & hunting should each have own season with hunting 1st.

It is way out of control and needs to be taking care of before there's no more deer and hunting season. Many people enjoy hunting season and some it's there favorite time of year and that could end pretty soon if the wolfs keep growing

Please manage wolves as game spe

I think the UP should have a few wolves I live in the Amasa area we are over run with wolves

Kill them all

DNR has a general idea on how many wolves are in the state but there are way more then they realize. Save our deer from these predators

Needs to be done sooner than later

There should be some, but over the years it seems like the population has been too high

We have 80 acres in Iron county and the deer numbers have tumbled to an all time low. 5 mild winters and no bounce back. All we see are predator tracks, we love the UP please help us in our darkest hour.

They are not need here for any reason

Lottery tags

Just a wolf hunt. No trapping

Kill em all

U.P. POPULATION SHOULD BE SEPARATE, THE COUNT IS SO OFF!

Wolves everywhere

I cannot answer the question on what the maintained population should be. I will leave that to learned biologists.

Population should be higher than any options listed for adequately managing the deer herd, possibly 500-600 wolves. Forest regeneration remains poor due to high deer herbivory pressure. This is detrimental to our forest products industry and livelihood.

Zero wolves is the best numbet

I had my dog taken by a wolf in my yard. They need to be controlled and pushed out of areas where people live.

They killed all the deer

DNR stations located in the lower peninsula should manage the wolf population in that area. Just like the D N R in the upper peninsula should regulate/manage the wolves up there. Only permanent residents in each region should have a voice in Michigan wolf management. There has been a large decline over the past few years in the number of deer we have been seeing in northern Menominee County. The only difference we've seen is the increase in coyote/wolf sightings & kill sights found in the woods..

The number a should reflect a balance

Wolves have no fear of us. Needs to change & now.

They are no longer endangered they are endangering.

Would love too see a hunt to raise funding to manage a health population. Our forest are already taking a hit from the deer enough. One thing that would be nice is the wolf hunts managed by county. As some counties have a lot of wolves where others seem to have less. Maybe that's not the case just an idea.

Definitely don't need the 900 we currently have

Personal field and trail cam observations show that actual wolf population greatly exceeds DNR's estimate.

I believe there should be a pair per County with not being more than 3 pairs per county at any time. They are simply living to close to residential areas.

I've hunted on public land in the Chippewa County for over 10 years and I haven't seen one buck.

I support a healthy natural population.

Take a few hundred of them and replace them down state and see how they like them

It's pretty bad when your hunting in deer season and you see more wolves than deer. Should never have brought them back to the upper peninsula

Northern Delta County. Several wolves in our area with diminished deer numbers

I had a very close encounter this year with two wolves chasing deer in my area. At one point, ran a doe right past me and stopped eighteen yards away from me, showing no fear whatsoever. The wolf population needs to be managed.

It's pretty bad when I can 3 years ago have 35-40 deer on 3 different cameras in 3 areas (all north of the Portage canal) more than 10 miles apart from each other and this last year I only had 4 deer on 2 of the cameras and one camera I had no deer and a pack of 6 wolves numerous times within a month.

I would have no problem with the 400 number but they obviously "play" with the numbers so I'm saying 200 thinking the MDNR would never let the population get that low

It seems ridiculous to have

Too many wolves. Now going after house pets. What's next, humans?

There should be Zero wolves! Or ancestors killed them off for a reason! We got along just fine without them then some bunny loving tree hugging communist decided they need to be here... Bull Shit! That makes as much sense as saying the dinosaurs were here first, so lets bring tyem back..

I've seen far too many while fishing this year

No issue with wolves being here. However I should not see more wolves while targeting deer to hunt than I see deer. We have a problem that needs addressed.

Hunting and trapping should be the same as coyote is now

Wolf population should be zero. Kill all of them

Th Upper Peninsula of Michigan absolutely needs a season to harvest wolves to preserve the deer population

I'm not sure what the population should be. Because I am an average guy. The DNR biologist and professionals should be making these decisions not politicians or every day people.

More wolves than deer

There is way to many in all the main Deer yarding areas

Very few deer in my area after many years of wolves. I'm about done with deer hunting because of it. Not worth the time, effort, or money to sit and see nothing day after day, and hear nothing but wolves at night.

Politicts!

I know of the reporting of the wolf that was shot years back and the reward was not given to the person who reported the violation. You can't trust the DNR to do what they say.

Stop talking start acting.

Should be 0 wolfs

200 is too many more pictures of wolves than deer on game camera what does that tell you! If the state doesn't control the wolves a lot of people are talking about controlling them themselves! If you can't hunt on your hunting property it's pretty useless! Property value have dropped like a rock! No one wants property full of wolves!!🇺🇸

At least the number should be what they promised it would be They have zero fear of people now and that's dangerous

Deer population down significantly

Had 8 of them every day of hunting season! Ruined my daughter's hunt!! No deer in area in over a month thanks to them

i had 17 different wolves on my bear baits this fall with one trail camera pic having 6 wolves at one time. i have had 5 different ones on my trail camera this deer season

Needs to be a season of hunting wolves specifically to help out farmers in general

Should be no wolves, but that choice wasn't given.

The real answer for how many there should be isn't a definitive number. It should be that there are enough to sustain the populations without draining any given area of its other resources. Simple as that.

Wolves need to be managed but so do deer and hunters. Wolves are often the scapegoat for poor deer management and poor hunting practices. In the absence of a wolf hunt, more evidence based practices and less crying Facebook biologists would be helpful.

Native Americans are granted more tags in the EUP then there are deer. Wolves don't help but the winters have been mild lately and the deer population still seems to be going down.

We don't need any!

I thought the original goal was to have a couple hundred wolves, not 700 or more! This is ridiculous. When people stop hunting, and buying tags maybe the DNR will wake up!

Too many wolves

Should be a season to control wolf numbers in every U.P. County

Wolves are getting out of control how long are we going to let this go until they are out of control? I fear it's going to take a child getting seriously injured or killed by a wolf or pack of wolves for our so "intelligent " leaders to finally realize we have a problem. I'm praying that isn't the case for the child or the family. ... also it is killing our hunting less n less deer will mean less n less hunters which means less \$\$\$ for our local communities and killing off a tradition that has been in the U.P. For centuries . Why they brought back wolves in the first place made absolutely no sense economically only thing it helps is the insurance companies line their already deep pockets.

Honestly don't know what the population should be- I just know the DNR doesn't know what it is- or they flat out lie.

Regarded of what the DNR tells us, there are far more wolves than they can ever count.

Less than 200 the deer population has taken a major beating from these wolves

Deer count seems to be down, we hunted the 509 area and didn't see any deer, but heard a lot of wolves.

Long over do

This deer season was horrible because of the wolf's

The population of wolves should be whatever is best for the ecosystem as a whole

I own a farm and babies will be born soon and due to the high wolf population we have to be extra careful a baby calf and a mother cow birthing is easy prey

I marked 200 animals only because there is not a smaller number. 200 is way too many animals for the UP should be about 50

The wolf population is getting out of control in the UP, I've been hunting for 10+ years and every year the deer population is continuously going downward

There's no box for ZERO.

They are killing our deer heard

Zero wolves

They are everywhere!

I can't give a number on the second question. I'm not a biologist. Professionals should answer that question.

When trapping Northern houghton and keweenaw County this year for fox and coyote I caught 10 wolves different wolfs in different locations

Wolfs are no longer endangered period

I feel like the wolves could die right off an I wouldn't care.

I know friends who only have wolves at their hunting camp. They have young children and don't want them outside by their selves. There are no deer around only wolves and coyotes.

I wish there was an option for lower then 200. I've had more wolf encounters this year than any other years. The wolf numbers are getting out of control. I see more wolf tracks in some areas then any other species

Should be up to people who own, rent land in UP or have livestock there. No one else.

I would like to know how they count the wolfs and how they can control a number.

They don't seem to be localized any more lots of people have issues with them so way to many in my opinion. Should be decided by people in the U.P not down state people that don't have a issue with them. We can help the realize what the issue is if we live trap a bunch and let them loose down there, then they will realize the problem.

I see more wolf tracks than deer tracks. Houghton, keweenaw county

The U.P deer heard seems to be strained between weather and predation and if we want to keep our youth engaged in hunting all species need to be managed.

On Tuesday, November 29th, I checked 12 different migration trails in south Marquette and Northeast Dickinson Counties. I've hunted these trails over the last 25+ years. Every trail had wolf tracks headed south. Two of the trails had more wolf tracks than deer tracks. No free range chase at all. Our deer are forced down the same trails to get to deer yards. Nothing but a blood bath gauntlet they run. That's why I feel there should be no wolves in the U.P. If they want wolves in Michigan transplant them downstate. At least the chase for game would be fairer.

Less than 200 !

Wolves in the U. P. Absolutely need to be managed with Hunting and trapping. Deer populations are at their lowest since the logging days where they were almost extinct. So much lost revenue. ...Iand allmy friends will not waist our money going to a place with so few Deer. Please do something like yesterday !!!!

This hunting season I didnt see a single deer. But heard wolves every day.

Have no deer in southern Baraga co but alot of wolves on camera. Let do something so the deer can come back

Should be lower then 200.

What ever the local game biologists say it should be.

It's almost already to late to fix the problem they have started

Less than 200

The deer are not only being killed by this Apex Predator, but are also being stressed. The stress is one issue that is never talked about. Does a boring fawns and deer not being able to browse as they once did.

Wolves have ruined the hunting in Dickinson county where I hunt. I seen more wolves than deer this year hunting. I watched a pack of 7 wolves come by my blind then a group of 3 the the next day. I only seen one spike buck and zero deer sign the whole trip. I will not continue hunting in the U.P. If things don't change.

Below 200 for whole UP.

They are killing all our deer up here!

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