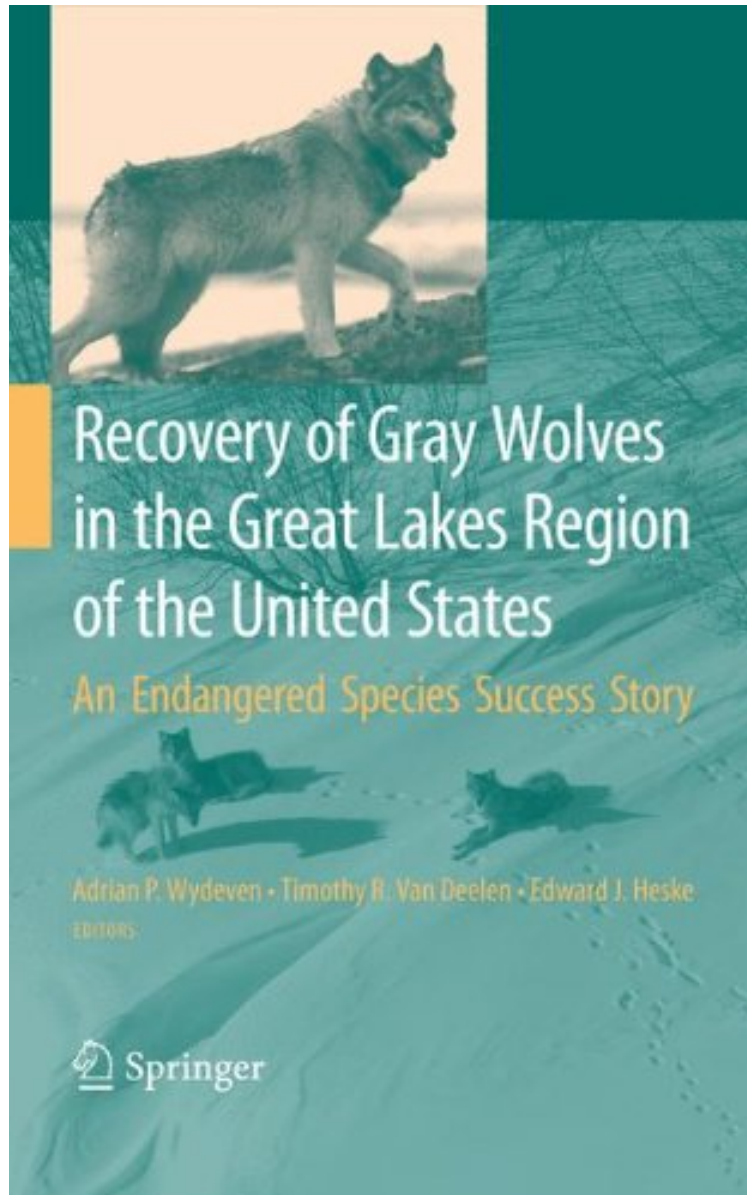


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wolves Howl Again In NW Wisconsin! By Greg T. Several years ago, as I visited with my friend Adrian Wydeven in his Park Falls, Wisconsin, office at the Department of Natural Resources Headquarters, I commented to him that he needed to write a book on his "Wolf Project" that at that time was just starting to show exciting results. Two of the wolves in this study wore radio collars that I provided as I really wanted to be a part of this project as a "civilian". Adrian laughed at the suggestion and said "Maybe...". Well, here is his book! But, as Adrian would, he shared authorship with many specialists who helped bring this project to a tremendously successful conclusion. The specialists who participated in this book are the most knowledgeable experts in their area. Adrian assembled a heck of a team and what they have to say about the part they each played makes for exciting reading! Adrian includes many pages of names and email addresses of his team members and this book is only the first steppingstone if you really want to find out about the Wisconsin gray wolf re-introduction program. They are beautiful animals to have back in the ecosystem. Tell Adrian I sent you! (Greg T., Hayward, Wisconsin)

In this book, we document and evaluate the recovery of gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) in the Great Lakes region of the United States. The Great Lakes region is unique in that it was the only portion of the lower 48 states where wolves were never completely extirpated. This region also contains the area where many of the first modern concepts of wolf conservation and research were developed. Early proponents of wolf conservation such as Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson, and Durward Allen lived and worked in the region. The longest ongoing research on wolf-prey relations (see Vucetich and Peterson, Chap. 3) and the first use of radio telemetry for studying wolves (see Mech, Chap. 2) occurred in the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes region is the first place in the United States where Endangered wolf populations recovered. All three states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan) developed ecologically and socially sound wolf conservation plans, and the federal government delisted the population of wolves in these states from the United States list of endangered and threatened species on March 12, 2007 (see Refsnider, Chap. 21). Wolf management reverted to the individual states at that time. Although this delisting has since been challenged, we believe that biological recovery of wolves has occurred and anticipate the delisting will be restored. This will be the first case of wolf conservation reverting from the federal government to the state conservation agencies in the United States.

From the reviews: "This book documents and evaluates the recovery of the gray wolf in the Great Lakes Region, where modern concepts of wolf conservation developed. Twenty-three chapters written by numerous wolf biologists cover all aspects of the recovery effort, starting with early history, research, and conservation in this area. This book provides a model for future recovery efforts and the management of wolf populations, as well as of large predators. Summing Up: Recommended. All general, academic, and professional audiences." (R. L. Smith, *Choice*, Vol. 47 (2), October, 2009) Each chapter reads like a scientific paper that addresses its topic with scholarly thoroughness. The chapters are essentially research papers written by scientists for other scientists. Anyone who can read a newspaper can understand most of this material. In short, this book is a serious attempt to understand a major topic in wolf restoration. This compilation of scholarship is likely to be the most authoritative and carefully researched book on the topic for a long time to come. (Steve Grooms, *International Wolf*, Spring, 2010) From the Back Cover The western Great Lakes region of the United States is the only portion of the lower 48 states where wolves were never completely extirpated. This region contains the areas where many of the first modern concepts of wolf conservation and research were developed, and where many early proponents of wolf conservation such as Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson, and Durward Allen lived and worked. The Great Lakes region also is the first place in the U. S. where "endangered" wolf populations recovered. During this recovery, we learned much about wolf biology and ecology, endangered species management, carnivore conservation, landscape ecology, depredation management, and social aspects of wildlife conservation. "Recovery of Gray Wolves in the Great Lakes Region of the United States," traces wolf recovery from diverse perspectives ranging from ecology, management, and policy to the cultural, social, and historical significance of wolves.