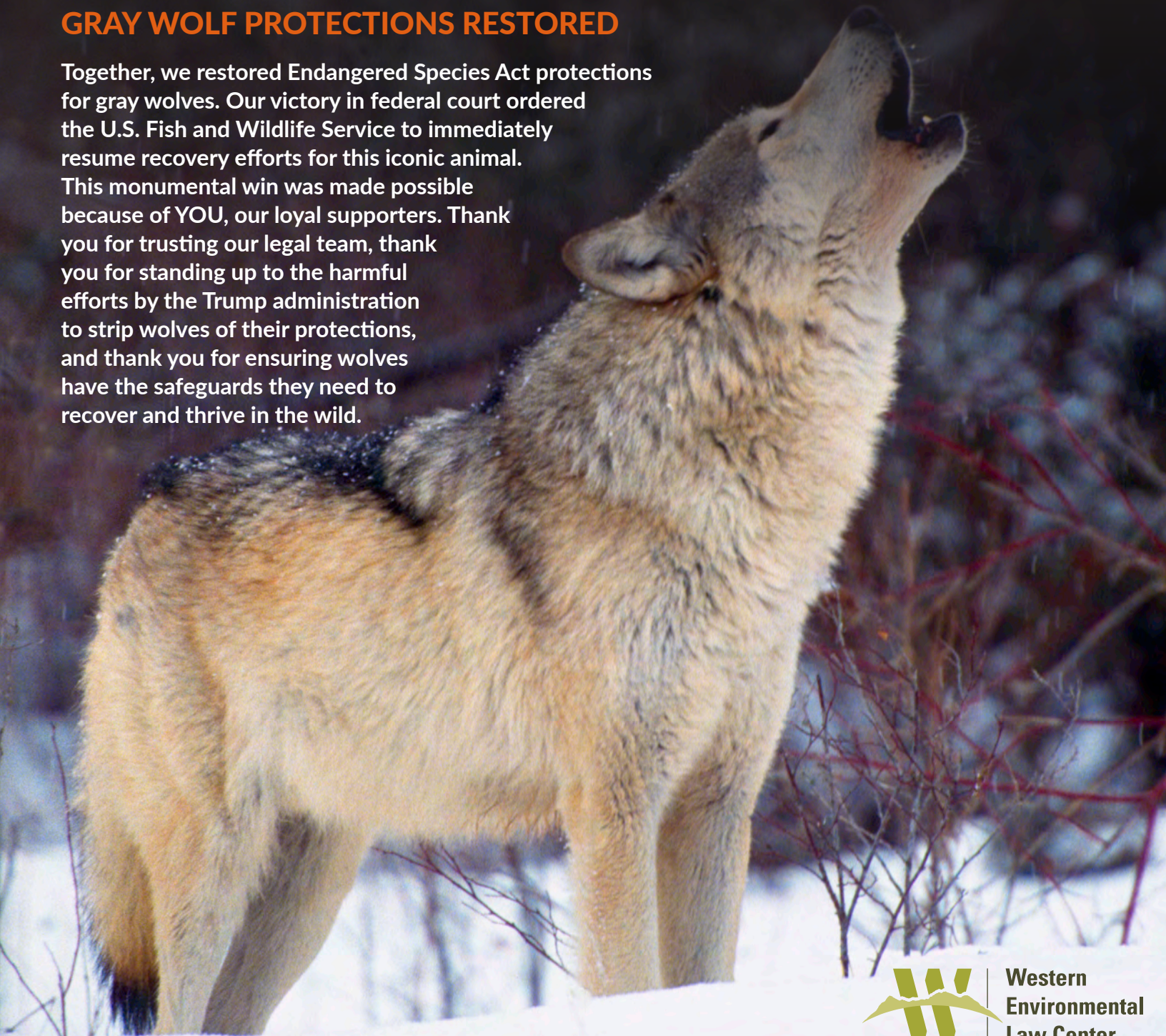


VICTORY REPORT

With your support, we are winning. We are winning public lands protections, we are winning safeguards for wildlife, and we are winning for public health and our climate. With your support, our team is growing and our reach is becoming broader. While there is still much work to be done, this report highlights some of our biggest victories from this year. Ranging from courtroom successes, to building community relationships, to making an on-the-ground difference, there is no denying the impact we are having together. Please visit our website at westernlaw.org/victories to learn more about the wins you make possible—*thank you*.

GRAY WOLF PROTECTIONS RESTORED

Together, we restored Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves. Our victory in federal court ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to immediately resume recovery efforts for this iconic animal. This monumental win was made possible because of YOU, our loyal supporters. Thank you for trusting our legal team, thank you for standing up to the harmful efforts by the Trump administration to strip wolves of their protections, and thank you for ensuring wolves have the safeguards they need to recover and thrive in the wild.



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WINS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR CLIMATE

In a major win for human health and our climate, we stopped a massive coal mining plan in Wyoming and Montana, **KEEPING 6 BILLION TONS OF COAL IN THE GROUND**. Our legal team proved the U.S. Bureau of Land Management failed to address public health consequences or consider less climate-damaging alternatives to allowing huge amounts of coal, oil, and gas production from public lands in the Powder River Basin. Our team also **HALTED A 175-MILLION-TON EXPANSION** of the Bull Mountain Coal Mine in Montana. The proposed coal mine expansion would have made this the largest underground coal mine in the nation based on annual production. If we had not taken action, this mine would have released 240 million tons of greenhouse gas pollution. Together, we are ensuring the climate, environmental, and health impacts of coal are accounted for as we work toward a clean energy future.



PROTECTING WATER

We partnered with Tribal leaders, community members, farmers, recreationists, and others to **WIN PROTECTIONS FOR WATERS** in New Mexico. Together, we secured Outstanding National Resource Waters designations for over 300 miles of rivers and streams and 42 acres of wetlands in the Upper Pecos Watershed and significant portions of the Rio Grande, Rio Hondo, and more. In a victory in California, we re-established Tribal and state rights under the Clean Water Act to **PROTECT WATER QUALITY** in the Yuba, Bear, and Merced rivers.



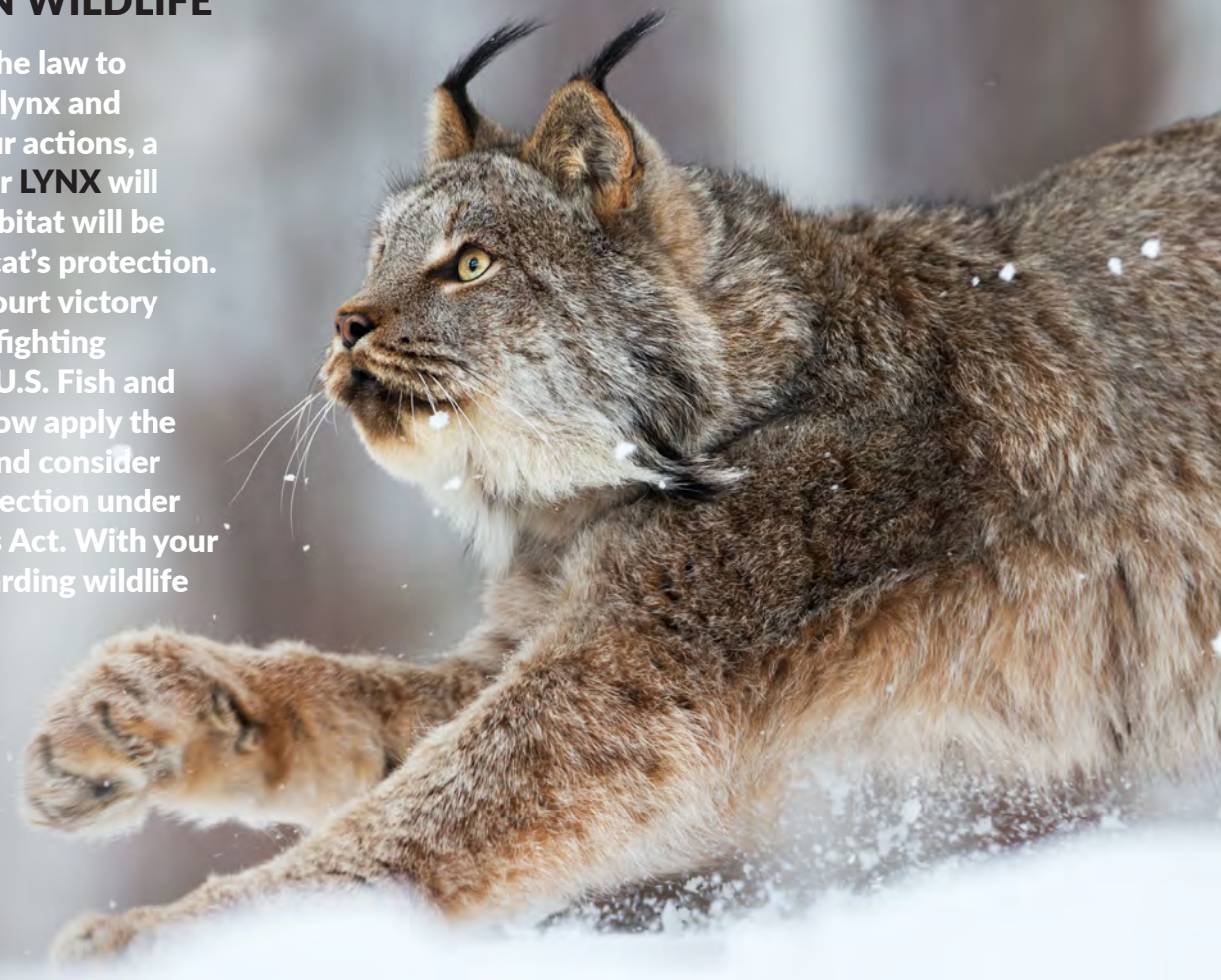
DEFENDING PUBLIC LANDS

Our legal team **PREVENTED NEW OIL AND GAS LEASING ACROSS 2.2 MILLION ACRES** in Colorado. We proved the federal government must analyze climate harms from oil and gas extraction and evaluate a no new fossil fuel leasing option. The region we protected spans the San Juan Mountains and the North Fork Valley. We also prevented new oil and gas drilling in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison national forests in Colorado, **SAVING 35,000 ACRES FROM FRACKING**. And we were victorious in our case to **HALT RECKLESS TARGET SHOOTING IN THE SONORAN DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENT** in Arizona. Thanks to our win, the Bureau of Land Management must conduct a survey of cultural resources and exam protecting Native historical sites and areas with wilderness characteristics.



SAVING WESTERN WILDLIFE

We used the power of the law to secure wins for Canada lynx and wolverine. Thanks to our actions, a federal recovery plan for **LYNX** will be created and more habitat will be evaluated for this wild cat's protection. For **WOLVERINE**, our court victory gives this rare animal a fighting chance at survival. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must now apply the best available science and consider granting wolverine protection under the Endangered Species Act. With your support, we are safeguarding wildlife across the western U.S.





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2022 VICTORY REPORT

FOUR MILLION ACRES OF PUBLIC LANDS SAVED FROM FRACKING

Thanks to your support and our legal team, the Biden administration will review and reconsider decisions to sell nearly 4 million acres of public lands in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Utah to the oil and gas industry for fracking. The federal government has been approving oil and gas leasing on public lands without considering the climate crisis. The Biden administration must now evaluate the climate implications of oil and gas leasing and reconsider past decisions. Our win provides an opportunity for federal action to protect present and future generations.

READ THIS REPORT TO LEARN ABOUT OUR 2022 VICTORIES TO DEFEND PUBLIC LANDS, WILDLIFE, AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE WESTERN U.S.

