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Wisconsin Shuts Down Hunt After 216 Wolves Are Killed In 3 Days

Hunters blew past a cap of 119 wolves after the Trump administration ditched protections for the animals just last month.

By [Mary Papenfuss](#)



DAWN VILLELLA/AP Wisconsin wildlife officials opened an abbreviated wolf season on Feb. 22, 2021, complying with a court order to start the hunt immediately rather than wait until November.

Wisconsin officials shut down a planned weeklong wolf hunt in just three days after 216 of the animals were killed — 82% more than the maximum that had been set by the state.

“This season trampled over tribes’ treaty rights, the Wisconsin public, and professional wildlife stewardship,” a spokesperson for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission told

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

“It will go down as a stark example of mismanagement, and the problems that can be expected when the state Legislature and the courts embrace special interest groups over the public as a whole.”

Megan Nicholson, director of the Wisconsin chapter of the Humane Society of the United States, called the killing spree a “deeply sad and shameful week for Wisconsin.”

After the state lost a court case — and an appeal — this month against Hunter Nation of Kansas, a group that had demanded a rush on a wolf hunting season, state officials initially set the maximum kill number at 200. That’s nearly 20% of the state’s total wolf population.

But the number was reduced to 119 after the Ojibwe claimed their treaty rights to 81 of the animals.

The Ojibwe consider the animals sacred and opposed the hunt.

“To many Ojibwe communities, hunting in late February, a time when fur quality is poor and wolves are in their breeding season, is regarded as especially wasteful and disrespectful,” the Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, which represents 11 Ojibwe tribes in the Midwest, said in a statement.

But the total number of wolves killed as of Thursday blew well past that cap, to 216. Even more kills may yet be reported.

Hunter Nation rushed to sue for the hunting and trapping season after wolves’ protections were eliminated when the Trump administration delisted the animals from the Endangered Species Act in January, just weeks before Donald Trump left office. GOP lawmakers backed the rush because they feared the Biden administration would reestablish protections for wolves.

The hunt began Monday and was supposed to run through Sunday. But the state Department of Natural Resources halted it on Wednesday afternoon when the body count skyrocketed. Hunters and trappers were given a 24-hour “grace period” allowing them to remain in the field until Thursday afternoon.

Officials said nearly 90% of the hunters used dogs to chase down the animals, and that fresh snow helped them track the wolves. Since the hunt occurred during breeding season, pregnant females were almost certainly among the dead. Forty-six percent of the animals killed were female, the Journal Sentinel reported.

The DNR had initially planned a hunt for November 2021, which would have given pups born in the springtime a chance to grow and would have allowed for a thorough assessment of the wolf population, as well as public input and planning.

DNR officials said on Thursday they were constantly monitoring the hunt numbers but admitted they had failed to stay on top of them.

“Should we ... have [closed the season] sooner? Yes,” DNR Wildlife Management Director Eric Lobner said at a press conference. “Did we go over? We did. Was that something we wanted to have happen? Absolutely not.”

Officials nevertheless insisted the wolves could survive the massive hunt.

But wildlife and environmental organizations experts warned that the state’s wolf population has not yet recovered and that a hunt like this could put the animals back on the road to extinction.

“You remove one [wolf], you’re essentially destabilizing and killing the entire pack,” Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf and Wildlife executive director Melissa Smith warned in an interview with the Wisconsin Public News Service.

“This hunt represents an unprecedented and extreme departure from sound, science-based wildlife practices,” Elizabeth Ward, director of the Wisconsin Sierra Club Chapter, said in a statement.

Hunter Nation called the outrage surrounding the 80% overkill of the wolves “hysteria.”

This was only the fourth wolf hunting and trapping season in the state’s history, and the first ever held during breeding season, according to the Journal Sentinel.

Wolves, which are native to the state, were wiped out by the mid-1900s due to unregulated hunting, poisoning and bounties. The species began recovering in the 1970s under increased protections.

The Anti gunners are at it again!

With the Democrats having control of the House of Representatives, a slight majority in the Senate and the Presidency we will be seeing this often until we can get the majority back in both houses.

They have two-gun control bills they are trying to push through, and they are HR 8 and the HR 1446. See below for a summary of the bills. We as law abiding gun owners must contact our representatives and urge them to vote no on any gun control bills.

H.R.8 — 117th Congress (2021-2022)

Introduced in House (03/01/2021)

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check. The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

H.R.1446 — 117th Congress (2021-2022)

There is one summary for H.R.1446. [Bill summaries](#) are authored by [CRS](#).

Introduced in House (03/01/2021)

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021

This bill revises background check requirements applicable to proposed firearm transfers from a federal firearms licensee (e.g., a licensed gun dealer) to an unlicensed person.

Specifically, it increases the amount of time, from 3 business days to a minimum of 10 business days, that a federal firearms licensee must wait to receive a completed background check prior to transferring a firearm to an unlicensed person. (This type of transaction is often referred to as a default proceed transaction.)

If a submitted background check remains incomplete after 10 business days, then the prospective purchaser may submit a petition for a final firearms eligibility determination. If an additional 10 days elapse without a final determination, then the federal firearms licensee may transfer the firearm to the prospective purchaser.

It is urgent to contact your representative and let know you do not agree with these bills or any other bills that restrict the second amendment.

Wisconsin Representatives:

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Wisconsin Senator:

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Statement on Gun Control Bills H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446

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SUPPORT NRA-ILA

FAIRFAX, Va. - Jason Ouimet, executive director of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, released the following statement Thursday after the House passed gun control bills HR 8 and HR 1446:

"These bills are a transparent attempt by gun control advocates in Congress to restrict the rights of law-abiding Americans under the guise of addressing the violent criminal culture in America. The truth, however, is that neither of these bills will do anything to solve that problem. By giving full power to unelected government bureaucrats to indefinitely delay and prevent lawful firearm transfers, H.R. 1446 could ultimately destroy the Second Amendment rights guaranteed to every law-abiding American by turning it into a privilege enjoyed by a select few. H.R. 8, so called "universal" background checks, cannot be enforced without a federal gun registry, will not prevent crime, and will turn otherwise law-abiding citizens into criminals for simply loaning a firearm to friends or family members. If Congress is serious about the safety of law-abiding citizens, it should have passed concealed carry reciprocity so that Americans can safeguard themselves and their families across state lines and throughout our country during these dangerous times."

Electronic Targeting System

By James Melville

Being a match director, and with our ranges changing to electronic targeting systems, I get a lot of questions about this, so I have decided to try and cover some things I think can help with the use of etargets. First things first. In Wisconsin we have two different systems being used, the Silver Mountain at Winnequah gun club in Lodi WI, and Shot Marker, the most common, used at La Crosse Rifle Club, Racine County line and Eau Claire National Rifle Club. These systems are similar. The differences you will have to be aware of is the IP address and we will get into that a little later. (Silver Mountain uses 192.168. 0.47 and Shot Marker uses 192.168.100.1)

Most Wisconsin ranges have decided to have the competitor furnish their own tablet. This will be a part of your shooting gear just like a mat, spotting scope, etc... There are many tablets you can buy for use with etargets. The only requirement is it must be able to hook up to Wi-Fi. Shot Marker makes a nice tablet for \$99, you can find it at: <https://shotmarker.myshopify.com/collections/spare-parts/products/tablet>. Apple, Samsung, Amazon, and many other make tablets that will work just fine. Some competitors even use their smart phone.

Getting started

When you first use your tablet to connect to the electronic targeting system, you will need to turn off your data if you are able to connect to cellphone towers. (Your device will choose to connect to cellphone towers instead of etarget) If another Wi-Fi is available, you will need to connect to the etarget. After connecting to etarget on your Wi-Fi, go to your browser (this is your internet search). If you are shooting on a Silver Mountain system, you will type 192.168.0.47 and if you are on a Shot Marker system you will type 192.168.100.1 in your browser (internet search bar). You should then be connected, and your screen will show the etarget. It would be a good idea to save this address to your favorites. Winnequah will have a competitor number for you to sign in . Every time you shoot, you will have to sign in as shooter, and when scoring, as scorer for your target system.

The Shot Marker system is more basic, and you will find the target numbers at the bottom of your screen. It is very important to tap your target. At this time, on all Shot Marker systems, you will have to keep score on paper.

On Shot Marker and Silver Mountain, all system controls will be set up by match director (bullet size, target dimensions, etc.). Most match directors will have you save the target once a string has been completed. This can be done on Shot Markers by tapping the note pad and pencil found in the upper right corner on the left side of the shots numbering. Once you tap this, a pop up will ask if you want to save or cancel, along with a spot to type in a file name. The match director will tell you how they want it saved, but typically you will put down the name of the person firing along with the string fired. If you have a missed shot or excessive shots, you will need the match director's assistance. With both systems this can be fixed to delete shots but not to add shots.

A few things to be aware of when using your tablet are the sun glare, battery life, and overheating. Sun glare may be an issue and you can get screen protectors that cut down glare, or shades are also available.

You can find them on an online store or look at your local electronics department store.

Battery life should be watched carefully while in a competition. I myself have not had an issue but pay close attention to battery life. A few things you can do while at a match is turn your electronic device off when not using it. This will also keep it cool, and reduce overheating. External batteries are available and it is always a good idea to have an external battery available to allow for longer use of your device.

Overheating can be an issue when days get hot. This can be prevented by doing a few simple things. First as listed above is turn your electronic device off when not using. The next is keep it in the shade as much as possible.

These are few things I have learned in the past years, and wanted to share them with you. If you have any other questions or advice you can share, please email me at: james@wisconsinforce.org

2021 National Matches - President's and NTI Rifle Match Survey



Dear CMP National Match President's 100 & National Trophy Individual Rifle Competitors,

Currently, for the National Matches, the CMP is having to squad every other firing point for all matches. This is to follow all social distancing state and federal regulations. Because of this we are limited on range capacity.

We have several options we would like you to look at if, by the National Matches, we are unable to squad every firing point. These events will be fired on Paper Targets not on the Electronic Targets. At this time, we are just gathering data for the best possible option to accommodate as many competitors as possible.

Option #1

The President's Rifle & National Trophy Individual Rifle match will be fired with the traditional 6 relays, there will be a waitlist and not all competitors will be able to fire in the matches. Competitors will be entered into the event and added to the waitlist in the order their registration is received.

Option #2

We will add extra relays to both the President's 100 (total = 7-10 relays) and the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match (total = 7-8 relays). Both matches would end later in the day (approximately 4PM-6:30PM) and we will not have time for the President's 100 shoot off.

Option #3

We would fire the National Trophy Individual Match over multiple days. The President's Rifle match would be fired in one day (Monday) with the 7-10 relays and no shoot-off. The National Trophy Rifle Match would be fired over two days (8 to 10 relays). The 200 and 300 yard stages would be fired on Tuesday while the 600 yard stage would be fired on Wednesday. This would also require other changes to the National Match schedule. All National Trophy Matches will be fired.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In an effort to keep our members informed, we are working on keeping our calendar up to date. If member clubs have shooting events to add to the calendar, please email wi.force1@gmail.com with the event and a match program, website, or contact person/email address if applicable.

Remember- we are 100% volunteer, so it may take a few days to get your event on the calendar, but we will add updates as soon as possible!

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Senior Service Rifle Team



With the over whelming number of competitors in 2019 wanting to compete in the adult team match, in 2021 Wisconsin is planning on having an adult team again. Tom Jones has come up with the following criteria to be on the team: You must show interest in being on the team by sending in three match scores from 2021, starting in April 2021. One of the three must be an EIC match. You also must state whether you would like to be in competition or out of competition. Another requirement is to have to shoot at one of the state OTC matches along with fundraising. This would be accomplished by competitors interested in being on the team sending in match scores. You can send scores to wiscoreroster@gmail.com.



- Wisconsin Firearm Owners gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.
- We are the only NRA State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- WFO and the NRA led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- WFO provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- As your NRA and CMP State Association, WFO sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
- Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.

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Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WFO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

Club and Range Support

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WFO. **Please join us today!**

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox signs law allowing concealed carry without a permit

The statute will go into effect in May.

By [Michael Ruiz](#) | Fox News

[Utah](#) Gov. Spencer Cox made good on a campaign promise Friday and signed a bill into law granting anyone over the age of 21 and lawfully allowed to possess a [firearm](#) the right to concealed carry without a permit.

Utah [House Bill 60](#), introduced by state Rep. Walt Brooks, passed the state Senate earlier this week, paving the way for the governor to amend existing statutes.

The law will go into effect in May and makes Utah the 18th state to adopt permitless concealed carry, according to the [governor](#).

Gun owners who want a permit in order to take advantage of reciprocity laws in other states will still be able to obtain one.

He said it enhances Second Amendment protections in the state.

It also creates a statewide suicide prevention and education fund.

The National Rifle Association, which had backed HB 60, praised Cox for signing it in a [statement](#) Friday.

"There is no reason a law-abiding person should have to ask for permission to carry a firearm for self-defense," said Jason Ouimet, the executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action. "The passage of this bill demonstrates Utah's commitment to protecting the Second Amendment rights of its citizens."

"We thank Gov. Cox, Rep. Brooks, and all who supported this important bill," he added.

The bill was one of five Cox signed Friday. The others addressed the coronavirus pandemic and tightening voter laws, among other issues.

[HB 12](#), the voter security bill, requires the government to speedily remove deceased voters' names from the official register.

NRA Files Reply Brief Urging Supreme Court to Take

Concealed Carry Case WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021



Today the NRA-ILA and the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association filed a reply brief asking the Supreme Court to hear a case challenging New York's restrictive concealed-carry-licensing regime.

This case challenges New York's requirement for applicants to demonstrate "proper cause" to carry a firearm. New York regularly uses this requirement to deny applicants.

New York's practice is unconstitutional because the Second Amendment "guarantees rights to

'keep and bear arms' to all 'the people,'" the brief argues, not just to the select few that the state deems worthy.

The NRA and its allies [petitioned the Supreme Court](#) to hear this case on December 17, 2020. The NRA [received amicus support from 23 state Attorneys General](#) seeking to "safeguard their citizens' fundamental rights, including the right to bear arms in self-defense outside the home." New York filed a Brief in Opposition on February 22, 2021. This is the final step in the petition process.

The NRA is dedicated to protecting the Second Amendment rights of its members, and this action is just the latest in the NRA's fight to protect and expand the ability of all Americans to exercise those rights. This is the fifth time that the NRA has asked the Supreme Court to hear a Second Amendment case in the last three years.

The case is called *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*. The case was previously called *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Corlett*. The change in names is due to the Superintendent of the New York State Police having changed since the lawsuit began.

Montana relaxes gun restrictions, allows guns on campuses



HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A bill signed into law Thursday by Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte allows concealed firearms to be carried in most places in the state without a permit, and it expands the list of places where guns can be carried to include university campuses and the state Capitol.

Gianforte, the state's first Republican governor in 16 years, said Thursday that he was signing the bill because "gun control measures step on the rights of law abiding citizens" and "every law abiding Montanan should be able to defend themselves and their loved ones."

The bill was sponsored by Republican Rep. Seth Berglee, and it passed the Republican-controlled House and Senate along party lines, with Democrats opposed.

"Educators, gun owners, bankers, and law enforcement officials came in to oppose this bill because it makes our communities and our campuses less safe," said Democratic House Minority Leader Kim Abbott in a statement.

The law allows concealed firearms to be carried without a permit inside bars and banks. Private property owners and tenants are allowed to ban firearms on their premises. It also allows permit holders to carry concealed firearms inside state and local government buildings, including the Capitol. Current rules ban all firearms inside the Capitol and other state government buildings.

The changes take effect immediately.

Spokespeople for the governor's office and the Department of Administration, which oversees security in the capitol, said a new policy "is forthcoming."

A separate bill making its way through the session would allow lawmakers to carry concealed handguns without a permit on state property.

On public university campuses, the law will permit firearms as long as gun owners follow certain training requirements and regulations laid out by the university system board of regents, including a ban on firearms at campus athletic or entertainment events.

Firearms carried on university campuses must be kept inside holsters unless removed for self defense, and they must be stored in locking devices.

The new rules affecting university campuses will take effect June 1. Previously, the university system board of regents had banned firearms on all public campuses.

Supporters of the bill said getting rid of gun-free zones will increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves. Opponents said it will jeopardize public safety and risk increasing Montana's suicide rate, already one of the highest in the nation.

Former Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock vetoed several gun-related measures passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature during his tenure, including bills that would have allowed legislators to carry concealed firearms in the Capitol and eliminated local governments' ability to restrict concealed firearms.