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Photo courtesy USFWS, William Campbell  
A pack of wolves has been detected in the Boise foothills area for the first time. There have been sporadic, lone wolf sightings in the area for years but Idaho Wildlife Services is now keeping an eye on the seven-wolf pack.

## Wolf pack detected in foothills near Boise

Sporadic lone wolf sightings for years, now Idaho Wildlife Services watching pack in area for first time

By SEAN ELLIS  
Capital Press

BOISE — Idaho Wildlife Services is keeping its eyes on a pack of seven wolves that has been detected in the foothills north of Boise.

News that a pack of wolves has been detected in that area was not welcomed by the state's cattle industry.

There have been lone wolf sightings in the Boise foothills over the years but this is believed to be the first time a pack has been confirmed in the area.

IWS State Director Todd Grimm said seven different sets of wolf tracks have been found near Avimor Subdivision, which is located in the foothills north of Boise, by far the state's largest urban area.

Wildlife Services is a USDA agency that solves conflicts between humans and animals.

Grimm said there have been no reported livestock depredations associated with the pack, "but there are cattle in that vicinity, as well as pets, so the possibility is certainly there for a conflict."

Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Cameron Mulrony said he has not heard of any problems associated with the pack from cattlemen in the region but the news is certainly not welcomed by them.

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## A very optional list of resolutions for the coming year

By CARL SAMPSON  
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It's a new year. A blank slate. Another 365-day-long opportunity to get 'er done.

It's also a good time to make a resolution, or two. It could have to do with the farm, or with you, or anything else that's important to you.

We've come up with a list of resolutions for 2018. It's not comprehensive, nor is it exclusive. Or compulsory. Consider it food for thought as you launch into a new year chock full of promise and opportunity.

Each new calendar gives each of us a chance to do the things we always wanted to do, catch up on things we didn't do last year and seek new opportunities in business and in life.

With 2018 offering all of these and more, we hereby offer for your consideration the Unofficial Capital Press List of Resolutions for 2018:

- Fix that piece of equipment you've been meaning to fix since the end of harvest.
- Upgrade your computer. While you're at it, you'll probably have to upgrade your software, too.
- Help a neighbor.
- Set up a succession plan for your farm, ranch or business. If you already have a succession plan, give it a check-up with your lawyer.
- Go over the new federal tax law with your accountant to figure out how it will impact you and your farm.
- Hug your wife (or husband) every day.
- Lose some weight.
- Tell someone what a farmer does, and why. People are curious about farming. Expect lots of questions.
- Plan a party and invite all of your neighbors. There's no better way to get to know them.

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Help a neighbor

Count blessings

Take time to read

Lose some weight

Get some sleep

Hugs

Upgrade computer

Plan a party

## EPA nixes bid to herd livestock under Clean Air Act

Environmentalists petitioned for regulation

By DON JENKINS  
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The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday it has denied a petition by environmental groups to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations like factories under the Clean Air Act.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, in

a letter to petitioners, acknowledged livestock are potential sources of air pollutants. The agency, however, doesn't have a reliable method for estimating animal emissions. Until it does, new rules could be unjustified and ineffective, according to Pruitt.

"Once the agency has sufficient information on CAFO emissions, it will determine the appropriate regulatory

approach to address those emissions," he stated.

The EPA decision, posted in the Federal Register, answers a petition filed in 2009 by The Humane Society of the United States and other environmental groups.

The groups sought to bring concentrated animal feeding operations under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act. The section requires stationary sources of air pollution to adopt the "best system" for reducing emissions. The

groups said farms with a large number of animals harm human health, poison the environment and cause climate change.

The EPA says it can't judge a farm's contribution to air pollution based on the number of its animals. Weather, geography, management practices and other factors affect livestock emissions, according to EPA.

Pruitt said the EPA will finish work

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## New Year's deadlines

For the Jan. 5th print edition of Capital Press.

- News display and legal ads deadlines Friday, Dec. 29th
- Classified display ads are due by 10AM, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd
- Classified line ads are due by Noon, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

