

## November News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

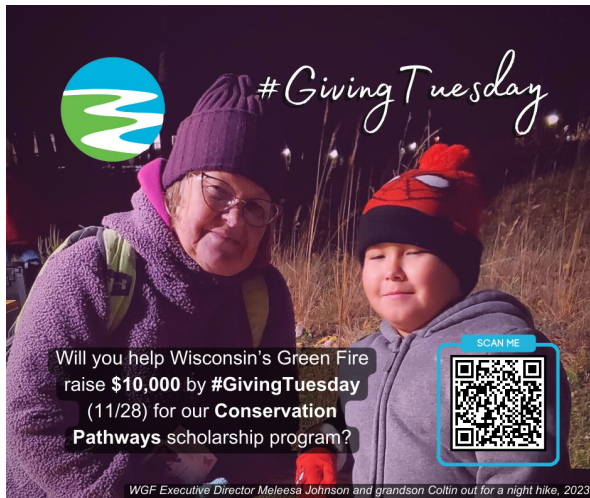
### Fall is a Season of Giving!

Fall is the time of year when your support as a **Green Fire** member makes all the difference. Support from individuals like you is the largest source of revenue for WGF. Learn more about our [2023 Fall Appeal](#) and the work your gift makes possible.

Your contribution of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$125, or **any amount that is meaningful for you**, will help us meet our goals and assure that we can respond to emerging issues in 2024. Our fall print issue of [Confluences](#), a new digital publication in our [Opportunities Now series](#) on PFAS, and information about [our fall appeal](#) will be arriving soon in your mailbox!

We're excited to launch our **Wisconsin's Green Fire Stewardship Society** to recognize members who make annual gifts of \$1000 or more. Members of the Stewardship Society will receive preferred access to WGF events and activities, and special recognition for such generous support.

**Thank you** for being a supporter of Wisconsin's Green Fire!



*Photo: WGF Executive Director Meleesa Johnson and grandson Collin out for a night hike, 2023.*

**Another great way to support WGF** this month is by contributing to [our GivingTuesday campaign!](#) GivingTuesday is a global day of giving where people all over the world come together to support their favorite nonprofits.

**Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by November 28th** to help support our mission and programs like [WGF's Conservation Pathways Program](#)—but we'll only reach that goal through the kindness and generosity of people like you. Will you help?

[Donate for GivingTuesday here.](#)

Support Wisconsin's Green Fire

# Standing Up for Adaptive Wolf Management

By Paul Heinen, WGF Policy Director

Representing Wisconsin's Green Fire, Adrian Wydeven (co-chair of WGF's Wildlife Work Group) testified at the State Capitol on November 8th in opposition to [Assembly Bill 137](#). This bill would mandate that DNR establish a statewide wolf population goal, a mandate which WGF opposes because of our commitment to science-based management of Wisconsin's wolves.



Adrian also testified on this topic at the **October 25th meeting of the Natural Resources Board**. There, he and [Fred Clark testified](#) in support of the [DNR's 2023 Wolf Management Plan](#). Rather than being based on a fixed population number, the new wolf plan uses an adaptive management approach. After 4 hours of citizen testimony and discussion **voted 7-0 to approve the 10 year Wolf Management plan and the Administrative Rule** regulating wolf management in Wisconsin. This represents the culmination of at least 3 years of sustained effort by Wisconsin's Green Fire, our staff and members, and especially the members of our WGF Wolf Team.

In opposing Assembly Bill 137, Adrian said, **“Wisconsin farmers, hunters, trappers, and other citizens are best served by a wolf management plan that focuses on sound science, ecological benefits and flexible state management to reduce conflicts, instead of relying on a low numeric goal that stymies sound management.”** As one of the co-authors of the original 1999 Wolf Plan, legislators asked Adrian a number of questions about the history of wolf management in Wisconsin and thanked him for his informed testimony. The Committee did not vote on the bill but will likely schedule a vote in a few weeks.

*Photo: Adrian Wydeven represents Wisconsin's Green Fire testifying in opposition to Assembly Bill 137.*

[Read More about WGF's Latest Work](#)

## We're Hiring! Project Coordinator

The **Farm Sustainability Rewards Project (FSR)** is a two-year project led by **WGF** in partnership with **Clean Wisconsin** to design and assess the feasibility of a voluntary model for farm conservation that rewards farmers who meet increasingly robust tiers of environmental performance while improving their whole-farm and farm product sustainability. The Farm Sustainability Rewards project is supported with funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



The **Project Coordinator** will play a key role guiding, coordinating, and implementing the Farm Sustainability Rewards Project. This is a two-year full-time position which will report to the FSR Project Director and will interface closely with two FSR Project Co-executives. Although not guaranteed, extension of employment beyond two years is possible and WGF intends for this project to evolve into other related project opportunities.



**We're Hiring!**  
**Project Coordinator**  
Farm Sustainability Rewards Project

- ✓ Provide technical expertise in agricultural conservation science
- ✓ Collect and analyze data, carbon models, scientific literature
- ✓ Lead efforts to determine environmental performance metrics



See the full job announcement at  
<https://wfgreenfire.org/employment>  
Apply by 12pm Dec. 4th, 2023.



The starting salary range will be \$55,000 - \$70,000, commensurate with experience and education. **Apply by December 4th, 2023.**

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

## Watch Wisconsin's Scenic Treasures on PBS

Please tune in to **PBS Wisconsin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 28th** for the premiere of [Wisconsin's Scenic Treasures: Northwoods](#).

**Wisconsin's Green Fire** is among the **proud sponsors** of this program highlighting jewels of the Northwoods.

**Scenic Treasures: Northwoods** showcases the sights and sounds and natural qualities of forests, lakes, streams and wetlands that draw visitors to the Northwoods and sustain local communities.



*Clips from the making-of Scenic Treasures: Northwoods,  
PBS Wisconsin*

This film is a welcome **companion to our vision** of people enjoying the benefits of clean water, clean air and healthy ecosystems achieved through scientific and thoughtful management of natural resources.

[Watch the Preview on PBS Wisconsin](#)

## Aspiring Conservation Professionals

*By Isabelle Bieser, Aspiring Conservation Professionals Work Group Chair.*

[Aspiring Conservation Professionals](#) is partnering with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Student Environmental Action Coalition for our **second annual student retreat!** This gathering is for students who are passionate about the environment and conservation from all fields of study, not just natural resources.

Attendees will be invited to a **networking session** with other professionals and potential mentors. There will be an opportunity to **earn an interpretation certification** from the North American Association of Environmental Education Guidelines for Excellence. And there will be time for **exploring the Northwoods** through species identification or snowshoeing.



Join us in talking about climate resiliency, conservation strategies, and more **January 3rd-5th, 2024**. [Registration deadline is December 20th, 2023](#).

[Learn more and Register Here!](#)

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## Get Involved in Conservation

- **Attention hunters!** You're invited to participate in the **WDNR's Deer Donation Program**. Since 2000, hunters have donated over 3.8 million pounds of ground venison to food pantries around Wisconsin. [Learn more and find a participating processor drop-off site near you](#).
- **Clean Wisconsin** is hiring a [Stakeholder Engagement Manager](#) to develop and implement strategies around new energy conservation building codes.
- **The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin** is hiring a new Government Relations Manager. Head to [nature.org/careers](#) and search for Job ID # 54242 to learn more.

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## Wisconsin's Green Fire in the News

**WGF News Release** - Nov. 16 - WGF Exec. Dir. Meleesa Johnson's statement on SB 312 (the "PFAS bill"): [Senate Passes Imperfect PFAS Bill • Wisconsin's Green Fire \(wigreenfire.org\)](#)

WPR - Nov. 2 - Danielle Kading quoted Adrian Wydeven, WGF Wildlife Work Group co-chair in: [GOP bill would end restrictions on spring hound hunting and training in northern Wisconsin](#).

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - Oct. 25 - Paul Smith summarizes the approval of the DNR's wolf management plan, quoting WGF's past Exec. Dir. Fred Clark: [After years of work, Wisconsin finally has an updated wolf management plan](#).

PBS Wisconsin - Oct. 25 - Todd Richmond quoted Fred Clark in: [Wisconsin DNR board approves wolf management plan with no population goal](#)



U.S. News & World Report - Oct. 25 - The AP also quoted Fred Clark in:  
[Wisconsin Wildlife Officials Approve New Wolf Management Plan With No Population Goal.](#)

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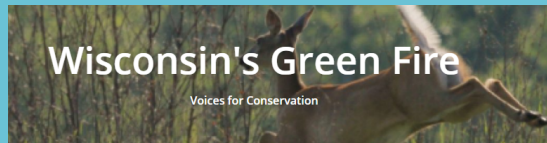
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