

Why are wolves important?

Wolves, like many predators, help keep their prey's population under control. The presence of wolves influence the population and behavior of their prey. This ripples throughout plant and animal communities, often changing the landscape.

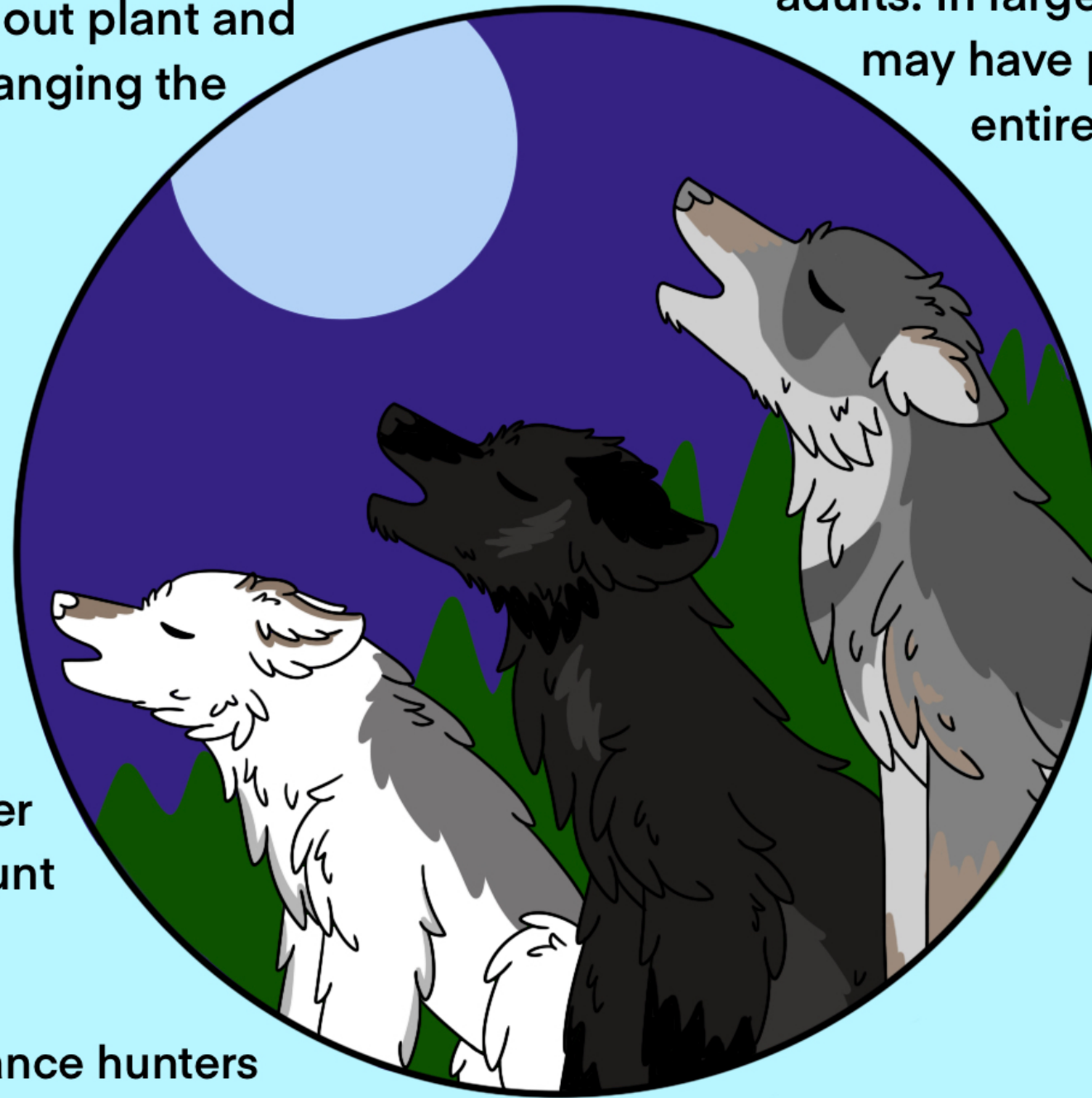
Apex predator traits:

Wolves are apex predators meaning they eat other animals and no animal eats them.

Pack - wolves live in packs to help them defend against other packs and it allows them to hunt larger prey.

Endurance - wolves are endurance hunters meaning they chase their prey over long distances.

Howl - the way a pack of wolves howl makes it sound like there are more of them than there is. It is also how they communicate with each other over long distances



What is the wolf family dynamic?

Wolf packs usually include dominant male and female parents, their kids, and other adults. In larger packs, more than one female may have pups. Pups are cared for by the entire pack. Most packs have 4 to 10 individuals.

How many wolves are in Oregon?

As of 2023, 178 wolves have been tracked.

Wolf range in Oregon:

