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Hi I'm writing to support the reintroduction
of the Mexican Gray Wolf and stabilization of its population. I'm not an expert and do
not live in a wilderness area, but I am a taxpayer and thereby a benefactor of the public
lands used by both wildlife and humans. I believe we need to preserve wildlife and
wilderness areas for current and future generations. I do not think the wolves should be
sacrificed because of their interference with ranching activities on public lands, but hope
the program can be modified to allow the wolf population to stabilize and thrive
without threatening the lives of humans and domestic animals. From what I understand,
cattle can live in a lot of places, but wolves can't. Ranchers have used public lands for
their sole benefit for a long time. I hope they can find a spirit of compromise that also
fulfills the wishes of other members of the public, who are in a sense their landlords, for

the land to be used for recreation and solace, and for the land to be preserved as wilderness and home to wildlife. Because the land is public, those leasing it and using need to look after it with even more care than if it were their own. They have the privilege of using public lands, which means they are in effect caretaking the property of others, and it is their responsibility to maintain it well. It is disheartening to hear that some ranchers have manipulated the rules of the wolf reintroduction program in order to eliminate wolves. This is abuse of their privileged use of public lands and should be cause for their leases to be revoked. Please continue to find ways to modify the program to ensure its success. Thanks Joan Stigliani PO Box 27142 Albuquerque NM 87125

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wildlands in the sky island region where they used to roam freely. These wolves are
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expand their territory and release areas. Livestock-wolf conflicts can be resolved non-
violently- without killing wolves. Let the wolves increase their wild population; it
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Fax: (505) 346Ð2542 R2FWE_AL@fws.gov Re: Notice of Scoping Meetings & Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement & Socio-Economic Assessment for the Proposed Amendment of the Rule Establishing a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Arizona & New Mexico Population of the Gray Wolf (ÔÔMexican Gray WolfÕÕ) Dear Mr. Milsap: Thank your for the opportunity to offer scoping comments and issues on the above captioned rule. This comment is one day beyond the comment period as a result of technical problems, Due to the holiday this should not create a problem or be grounds for exclusion. I believe that the following issues should be included in the scope of analysis: 1. The Mexican Grey Wolf, also known as the Mexican Lobo, used in the USFWS species recovery and introduction program is believed to be genetically impure, and as a domestically produced crossbreed, will taint and irreversibly alter the genetically pure breed that otherwise exists in the proposed subject area. 2. The recovery plan for the Mexican Grey Wolf lacks sound science and is fatally defective and destructive of the

environment. The expansion of habitat without complete and adequate data, relecantt information and analysis and with the due consideration uncertainties and adverse impacts is irresponsible and unauthorized. 3. A full and complete Òcumulative impactÓ study and analysis must be done, using Òsound scienceÓ, instead of the empiric notions of those who are incompetent to undertake the study and full analysis, including those in the USFWS itself and their partners, including but not limited to, the Center for Biological Diversity. The proposed agency action and federal register notice does not include a full and complete Òcumulative impactÓ study and analysis. See: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Agreement on Environmental Cooperation Article 2(e); see also ÒConsidering Cumulative Effects Under The National Environmental Policy ActÓ, PresidentÕs Council On Environmental Quality (CEQ, 1997). 4.   Full disclosure of all treaties and other international agreements (16 U.S.C. 1531) is required under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Agreement on Environmental Cooperation Article I(h). 5. A complete EMS review and compliances is required and mandatory under current international and domestic guidelines. The proposed introduction project does not meet the mandatory requirements imposed on the agency. See: Guidance Document, Improving Environmental Performance and Compliance, 10 Elements of Effective Environmental Management Systems, NAFTA Commission For Environmental Cooperation (CEC 2000), see also Executive Order 13423, and U.S. Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) ÒAligning NEPA Process With Environmental Management Systems Ð A Guide for NEPA and EMS Practitioners. http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/ntf/ 6.   The proposed agency action usurps the powers reserved to the States and to the people under Amendment X of the U.S. Constitution and proposes to trespass upon the rights and liberties of private property owners under color of authority. 7. The proposed agency action will create regional trade distortions in contravention of the NAFTA Agreement on Environmental Cooperation, Article I(e). 9. The proposed agency action will create a public endangerment and will result in significant alterations and irreparable harm to the existing the natural environment and components, all in contravention of 42 U.S.C. 4331(b)(3) 10. The proposed interstate and international project and agency action does not properly and fully consider and address the respective and diverse cultures, customs and traditions of the area that are essential to the proper and balanced function of that targeted area. 11,   The proposed interstate and international project and agency action does not properly and fully consider and address economic impacts. 12   The proposed agency action is not essential to recovery of the subject species of natural wolf, and as such, is not under any mandate. Conclusion To Comments. The agency action to enlarge the habitat of the Mexican Grey Wolf in the targeted region should be immediately abandoned. Please keep me informed of the agency actions and decisions in this matter. _____

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Millsap, state administrator U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service N.M. Ecological Services Field Office 2105 Osuna N.E. Albuquerque, N.M.-87113 Dear Mr. Millsap, We all need to get along. All of us, including the animals that inhabit our Earth. I grew up in Northeastern Minnesota where there are many wolves and more and more people every year. But, in that region there is no hysteria, no rabid anti-wolf sentiment--everyone has learned to live in harmony. I feel that all of us in the Southwest can learn from out northern neighbors. We all need to wok together to make the re-introduction of the Mexican wolf successful. The FWS is mandated to do all it can to insure the success of this project. Please do all you can to facilitate the return of these magnificent animals and make them, once again a part of our natural world! Sincerely, Terrence Moore

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To: Brian Milsap, State Administrator U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Re: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping As i provided input into the process approximately 12 years ago before the Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction began on the ground, before wolves set foot into the reintroduction area, i feel compelled to follow up with my comments on their behalf. Technically, in the interest of a genetically viable reintroduced Mexican Gray wolf population in the Southwest it appears to be a wise move to incorporate the

suggestions being promoted by Defenders of Wildlife, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the other environmental groups they are collaborating with. Also, I feel concerned that there has still been too much polarization of viewpoints and that the only sure means for success for the Mexican Gray wolves in the wild is to find a way, when possible, to gain the support or at minimum, neutrality, of those few who have viewed wolves as their enemy for so long, while truly, meaningfully supporting the Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction and Recovery effort. This means identifying the valid concerns of wolf opponents and finding workable solutions to address those concerns -- solutions that don't involve killing the wolves -- as well as exposing and debunking any myths about wolf behavior that may have promoted fear in the hearts of wolf opponents and exposing the myths for what they are. If ranchers are being asked to change their practices to accommodate the reintroduction effort, then perhaps a compensation program to support them in making those changes would be in order to soften the effect of requiring they change their practices if one does not exist already. It also means recognizing that the individual wolves are not pawns in a chess game that can be picked up and moved simply because they crossed a man-made line that was undefinable to them -- removing a wolf because it crossed a political boundary is not in the interest of the wolf reintroduction effort --it shows that the Fish & Wildlife Service has merely been giving lip service to the idea of Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction without providing substantial support. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service NEEDS to become a part of the solution, a true partner in successfully restoring Mexican Gray Wolves in America by building a strong foundation for the Reintroduction effort from which the wolves can truly flourish. Perhaps under the direction of the next presidential administration this will come to pass. Please remember, these wolves are living beings forming bonds in a pack scenario; they are not game pieces to be removed or destroyed at will. It is important that all beings in this process be treated with the respect and honor they deserve. And it is time for all of the humans in this process to step up in their role as stewards of the Earth instead of falling into the patterns of engaging in power struggles in the fight to get their way. I appreciate your consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Andra S. Ewton 837 N. Queen Ave. Tucson, Az 85705 See AOL's top rated recipes and easy ways to stay in shape for winter.

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for the opportunity to comment on this rule-change for managing reintroduced Mexican
gray wolves. Fish and Wildlife Service management, with its heavy reliance on predator
control targeting the wolves, has suppressed the wolf population and contributed to
inbreeding. The solution must comply with the conservation mandate of the Endangered
Species Act and not allow loss of wolves - from any and all sources, including
 government take and illegal poaching - to keep the population from rapid growth and
genetic rescue.   To this end, please develop a Conservation Alternative to be analyzed in
 the draft environmental impact statement that would upgrade the legal status of the
reintroduced Mexican wolves from their current "experimental non-essential" standing to
a fully protected endangered status.   Please do not include any alternative for analysis
that would increase take of wolves, set any limits on wolf numbers, restrict their
movements, or in any other respect infringe on the potential of establishing additional
Mexican wolf populations, one of which is already called for in the 1982 Mexican Wolf
Recovery Plan and more of which will likely be required in a future revision of that
plan. The Conservation Alternative should include the following provisions: 1) Allow
release of wolves from the captive breeding population directly into New Mexico. This
is particularly important to enable the Fish and Wildlife Service to release genetically
valuable animals into areas in which no wolf packs have established territories. 2) Allow
wolves to roam freely outside the boundaries of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area and
not be geographically constrained by any other politically derived restrictions - just as
other endangered species are allowed free movement. 3) Require livestock owners using
public lands to remove or render inedible the carcasses of non-wolf-killed stock so as to

prevent wolves from being attracted to areas where domestic animals are vulnerable and
 habituating to preying on stock. This could be accomplished, at least in part, by holding
blameless for subsequent depredations any wolf that has scavenged on dead livestock -
and protecting such wolves from any governmental or private "take" or predator
control. 4) Authorize release of wolves into the White Sands Wolf Recovery Area, which
is just a few dozen miles to the east of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. White
Sands has already been analyzed for its suitability for wolves and could serve as a home
for genetically valuable wolves that might not otherwise be released. White Sands has
only been found "unsuitable" if wolves are required to stay within its boundaries, but as
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space as possible to survive, they need to be protected from being hunted and killed, and

they need to be respected for the beautiful creature that they are. I strongly believe in the protection of these animals. Let them live as comfortable and safe as possible. Thank you, Patricia & Michael Messier 2500 Inca Rd. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144 Msg sent via CableONE.net MyMail - http://www.cableone.net

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change in the regulations for this project is called for right away. I attended some of the early meetings prior to reintroduction, and was shocked at the fear and hatred displayed by some of the local ranchers regarding wolf reintroduction. The current restrictions were clearly set in place to appease this very vocal ranching contingent. but all the restrictions have succeeded in doing is diminishing the chances that the Mexican gray wolf will survive in the wild at all. First of all, the classification of "experimental, non-essential" needs to be changed to "experimental, ESSENTIAL" (if not to "Endangered" which would be the ideal). The Mexican gray wolf is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and clearly it is seriously endangered. This small Blue Range population of Mexican gray wolves is essential to any long term recovery of this subspecies, and changing the classification will help protect them. Second, all the various restrictions on wolf movements and releases must be dropped. Wolves cannot read maps, they don't know the boundaries of the BRWRA. Each time they are captured and brought back, there is a serious risk of injury, if not death for the individual wolf in the process of trapping, not to mention trauma and disorientation for the pack as a whole. It makes no biological sense that the initial releases can only happen in Arizona. The agency should have full discretion on where new releases take place, across the BRWRA Third, since it is in the interest of ranchers and wolves alike that the wolves not develop a taste for cattle, it is critical that ranchers on public lands be required to move away, or render inedible, the carcasses of their livestock who have died of whatever natural causes so that the wolves aren't attracted to this "free" bounty, and start looking for more. Given the severe difficulties in getting viable packs developed, there should be no cap on the number of wolves in the BRWRA population. 100 wolves should be a minimum number to attain. The Gila and Blue Range are our National Forests. Wildlife in New Mexico belongs, I believe to the state, and not to the county or to individuals who live there. The vast majority of our citizens support the reintroduction of wolves, and understand their importance to the ecological health of our land. I have yet to hear the call of a wild wolf. I not only want that opportunity, but want my grandchildren to have it. Thank you for opening up this process to public comment. Sincerely, Norma J. McCallan 627 Camino don Emilio Santa Fe, NM 87507

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experience with livestock, including dairy farm work and as a horse wrangler for an
outfitter/hunting guide while growing up in the wildlands of Colorado, I do not strictly
oppose the allowance of livestock grazing on all public lands. However, I strongly
oppose non-native livestock trumping the existence of any endangered or nonessential
 experimental listed species on wildlands that belong to all of the nation' s public. Public
lands conflicts between wolves and livestock in recovery areas must be eliminated unless
wolves are given protective precedence over cattle.   The practice of favoring non-native
livestock over native wildlife on public lands is unconscionable. Ranchers must assume
the risk of losing their cattle through predation by wolves as part of their business
model. If cattlemen continue to be compensated for their losses by any means, federal
or NGO, they will never be compelled to properly manage their herds in an open-range
setting. The concept of the rugged Marlborough Man amakin' it on his own in the
wilderness by his sheer drive and determination is a myth. This mythical rancher is
instead pampered with payments from the Defenders of Wildlife for his predation losses
even though his mismanagement and/or neglect were causal factors. Cattleman are
further indulged by the federal government with low grazing fees for their associated
AUM stocking rates that gives them an unfair competitive edge over ranchers grazing
cattle on their own self-maintained private land. A resourceful modern-day rancher who
respects all wildlife should be allowed to use public lands within the framework of
wildlife first, including a system that affords full Endangered Species status to the
 Mexican Grey Wolf. If such a rancher is unable to sustain his operation under this
range/habitat prescription, his grazing allotment on public lands must be considered a
failed experiment and permanently retired.   Governmental scientists and range managers

should assist cattlemen to ensure wolf habitat is not detrimentally altered by "range improvements" to the extent of permanent ecological damage while allowing ranchers a fair chance to adapt to a 21st century strategy of wildlife first range management on public lands. Cow/calf operations must be eliminated in remote wolf recovery areas. This is tantamount to baiting wolves with veal-aged calves. Even if cattlemen are willing to take the full financial risk for any predation losses this baiting will likely habituate wolves to an unnatural prey species, perpetuate the problem, and result in wolves that are less wild. The practice of ranchers not disposing of livestock carcasses on public lands must be changed to require carcass removal by the owners. Some jurisdictions require that large livestock that die of natural causes cannot be left within a quarter-mile of running water. Livestock carcasses should not be buried on public lands and definitely not incinerated because of potential wildfires. I oppose the use of lime to render a carcass inedible to wolves and other scavengers. I do not know of any public lands agencies that allow the public to create their own disposal landfills for any type of biotic or abiotic litter. Subsidized ranchers should not be treated differently from the public who use public lands and they should not receive any special allowances for their carcass disposals. If I rode a horse in the backcountry and that animal died, I could not simply abandon the carcass on public lands. Livestock carcasses are not comparable to native wildlife carcasses and the non-native carcass litter must be removed at whatever financial cost to the owner and as soon as possible. This would require active, responsible management of a cattle herd. Allow wolves to freely roam and discontinue the capture, release, recapture, re-release, relocation merry-go-round. Thank you for allowing public comments involving the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction plan. Ron Kearns Quartzsite, AZ Monday, December 31, 2007 Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your homepage.

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process of reintroducing Mexican gray worlves in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area
and beyond. In addition, I favor increasing legal protection of the wolves by reducing
instances of removal and/or killing of the animals. Too often, we are losing animal and
plant species in this country due directly to human encroachment into wild areas. The
Mexican gray wolf is important part of a healthy, diverse, and natural Southwestern
environment. Encouraging the revival of this endangered species would demonstrate
that we are able and willing to make certain reasonable sacrifices to the end of
conserving the life on which the world ultimately depends. Specifically, I favor the
following changes in the current program: -- Increasing the Blue Range recovery area
and/or identifying other suitable recovery areas in New Mexico or Arizona; -- Limiting
situations in which a wolf may be killed or removed; -- Requiring livestock owners to
remove livestock carcasses or make them unattractive to wolves; -- Prohibiting
harassment or baiting of wolves; -- Considering other restrictions on livestock owners
who use public grazing lands; -- Bringing various interested paties together to explore
new ideas. As a non-expert, I cannot comment on refining certain definitions. However,
I would encourage clarification, as well as moving toward further protection of wolves.
I do not favor allowing the killing of wolves on private land to protect pets. Thank you
for holding the recent public scoping meetings around New Mexico. The education and
discussion process was extremely valuable and, I hope, productive. Betsy Garber 23
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443 Mesilla, N.M. 88046 Dear Sir: I would like to express my support of the Mexican
Wolf reintroduction efforts in the Southwest.·   Here are some key points I
support: *The Mexican Wolf should be allowed full endangered species status. I
 support a Conservation Alternative that would change their classification to endangered
status. *The Mexican Wolf should be allowed to roam outside their present BRWRA,
 especially if the habitat is supporting them. *The Mexican Wolf should be allowed to be
released into New Mexico as well as Arizona. *Conflicts with livestock should be
reduced as much as possible without harming Mexican Wolf reintroduction. In order to
best benefit the wolf and minimize conflicts, serious consideration or re-evaluation is
needed of how conditioned reinforcement is shaping behavior, desired or undesired, in
wolf populations. Animal behaviorists have studied why and how animals react to their
environment and how behaviors are modified or conditioned. Using these principals of

conditioned reinforcement, conflicts with livestock operations could possibly be decreased and desired wolf behavior increased, to the benefit of all.   *Prevention of conflicts is preferred and wolf removal and relocation should be avoided if possible. *The gene pool of the Mexican Wolf should not be allowed to die out, as it is an essential part of the ecosystem of the Southwest. Future generations should not have this taken from them. *The Mexican Wolf, as a natural predator can help keep the ecosystem healthy. *Some studies, and historical accounts have shown that wolves, as top predators, keep cougar populations in check. The wolf is a missing key in ecosystems throughout the American West. In the American West, and extending into eastern parts of the US, cougar populations have been on the rise. Cougar attacks on humans, some fatal, are on the rise especially in the West.   As someone who has had a near attack on my children by a cougar in Arizona (one conditioned to hunt in an area protected from hunting), I see Wolves, as a missing part in the ecosystem, may help reduce cougar density and keep these predators in a more proper balance. Wolves, as part of a health ecosystem can help move herbivores to disperse to a wider area, lessening over-utilization of forage. *The Mexican Wolf needs a real chance at recovery. The Recovery Plan is 25 years out of date and needs revision to better define a more comprehensive definition of recovery. Any rule changes should include options that will not limit any recovery options in the future. Sincerely, Cheryll Blevins

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universally all Christians do, that God is the Creator and that He plays a role in the creation of all living things. The Bible teaches us that all things in creation are good (Genesis 1:3-24). God calls upon us to be good stewards of the creation, "to work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15). God commands all living things, not just man, to share the creation and to "be fruitful and multipy" (Genesis 1:20 and 8:16). God entered into the Rainbow Covenant with "all life on earth," not just with man, promising to "never again destroy all life" (Genesis 9:8-17). Based on the forgoing faith teachings, I believe that for us to knowingly and intentionally drive a species to extinction, as we have almost done with the Mexican wolf, is a sin. For us to not do everything within our ability to restore and assure a sustainable population of Mexican gray wolves violates God's command that we should be good stewards and is a sin. For us to legally define the only wild population of highly endangered Mexican gray wolves as "nonessential" smacks contempt upon the Creator who clearly saw this species as essential when He commanded it to be fruitful and multiply and promised never again to destroy it. For us to countermand His commandment and promise is a sin. The problems in the recovery program over past nine years make it clear that greater legal protections and more managment flexibility are needed if recovery and sustainability of the Mexican gray wolf are to succeed. My specific recommendations to meet these needs include the following: 1) Change the classification of the reintroduced population, either granting it full "endangered" protection or at least the "essential, experimental" designation permitted under the Endangered Species Act. 2) Eliminate the arbitrary and unenforceable boundaries of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA) and thereby permit the wolves to disperse naturally. 3) Expand the area into which new wolves can be released. The current practice of releasing new wolves only into Arizona when some of the most most suitable habitat within the BRWRA is in New Mexico is an absurd practice based on decade old political folly, not sound science and logic. 4) Resolve wolf-lifestock conflicts based on the best interests of the wolves. The wolves are a natural and essential part of the BRWRA eco-system, not the livestock. 5) Reduce the removal or "take" of wolves, an unfortunate outcome that most often results from the aforementioned conflicts with livestock. Reintroduction goals have not been met and are not likely to be in the near future because of the ongoing trapping, removal, relocation, and killing of both pups and adults. The focus of a new EIS and rule changes must be upon conservation of the species as an essential resource. I urge you to write these such that all government agencies and entities responsible for recovery of the Mexican gray wolf will be focused upon cooperatively doing everything within their collective powers to assure the success of the recovery program. Your consideration of these recommendations will be most appreciated. Dale Volz 1239 E. Sagebrush Gilbert, Arizona

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stock. This could be accomplished, at least in part, by holding blameless for subsequent depredations any wolf that has scavenged on dead livestock - and protecting such wolves from any governmental or private "take" or predator control. 4) Authorize release of wolves into the White Sands Wolf Recovery Area, which is just a few dozen miles to the east of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. White Sands has already been analyzed for its suitability for wolves and could serve as a home for genetically valuable wolves that might not otherwise be released. White Sands has only been found "unsuitable" if wolves are required to stay within its boundaries, but as part of a population that interacts with wolves in the Gila, it would serve an important role. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Michelle Deering 180 Searidge Ct. #9 Aptos, CA 95003

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  Thank you for hearing my comments, S. E. Godwin 315 Argonne Ave. Long Beach, CA 90814 Don't get caught with egg on your face. Play Chicktionary! Check it out!

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December 31, 2007 Dear Mr. Slown: I am a biologist with a master's degree as well as a science teacher. I have followed the wolf reintroduction closely for several years. I have also included the wolf re-introduction program as a unit in my science classes. I

emphatically support the reintroduction of the Mexican Wolf to the Southwest US. My comments fall into two areas as follows: BIOLOGY/ECOLOGY - Commit more staff, especially more experienced biologists who have studied wolves elsewhere, would help with the biological challenges. - Increase the amount of area where wolves are released and allowed to exist. They were never evolved to be confined to a small home range and this must be especially true of wolves that have no established territory or competitors (other wolf packs). - Concomitantly, reduce the trapping and killing of wolves by USFWS and its contractors. This should be done only in an emergency-type situation. - Have patience. A biological system is complicated and can only be guided by people, not controlled. It just may be a particular set of wolves in a particular climate regime that results in success. If there are wolves in the ecosystem, and they belong there, then they will most likely find their niche eventually. "Life finds a way." POLITICAL (Here's the tough one) - Continue programs that reimburse livestock owners for their losses due to wolf kills. - Work on new ways to improve and depolarize the relationship between local ranchers/landowners. Here are a few ideas... - - Increase passive public education initiatives about the importance of wolves and their ecology. By passive, I mean things such as plaques and posters and open forums where opponents to the reintroduction can learn and participate on their own terms. In my opinion, most of the people who oppose the program feel as if this has been forced on them, and, even worse, by people who live nowhere near them or the wolf habitat. - - Develop a program to commit funds to municipalities (the towns/counties or both) based on how many wolves or wolf pairs are living in that region. It is the situation with many large, endangered predators that if there is no economic benefit to the local people because of them, then the public does not want them around. A program of this type must obviously be planned wisely with respect to its longevity as well as the amount of money involved. If there was a benefit to the local community as a result of the reintroduction, there would likely be more support for it. - - Encourage the development of ecotourism opportunities with interested local people to demonstrate the value of these animals and the benefits to the communities in the region. - - Art and/or photography contests that involve the Mexican Wolf. My thinking on the art contest is that the wolf is an impressive animal and part of the natural and human heritage of the southwest. Perhaps, there is a sentiment in this that is akin to "The Old West" mentality that local landowners could identify with. I heard a scientist, Dr. Harry Greene, give a talk on reptiles to folks in a rural region of southeastern Arizona. His presentation was largely memorable to me because of the connections he drew between earlier generations (relatives of some of the folks in the audience) that settled and worked ranches in the area and the discovery of the unique animal and plants of the region that they were making a living in. It was a cool and somewhat moving experience to be one of only a few "city-boys" in a group of rural landowners/ranchers where we all enjoyed the presentation on the natural history of the area. People often have more in common than they think they do. It's just difficult to find. These comments are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me: anderson@aa.edu. Sincerely, Rich Anderson 3016 Sol de Vida NW Abuquerque, NM87120 -

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change the rules that are currently allowing lazy and sloppy ranching techniques
 to directly cause mortality of wolves. The ranchers need to move over a little and share
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expand the area for initial releases to the Blue Range in New Mexico so managers have
the necessary tools to assure the sustainablitity and viability of the packs. Further, there
should be no restrictions on where the wolves can roam. The ecosystems need them to
disperse throughout the southwest and the people need to learn to manage their ranches
with the wolves as a part of it. The Range Riders of Keystone Conservation are having
good luck keeping depredations of livestock to a minimum in Montana. Perhaps a
program like that could be implemented. Please change your rules so that Fish and
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Millsap Dear Millsap, The citizens have spoken time and again about the need for our
wild wolves to return to the lands they were wiped from. We the people are tired of
political force of a wealthy few to guide our national decisions about the wolf. The
presence of the wolf is so completely positive to business interests and the rural
communities that this is a no brainer. We demand that a serious approach to real wolf
recovery for the Red wolf be put in place with real accomplishments to this end. It is a
requirement for the publicly employed stewards of the public lands begin doing the job
they are paid for. The private dissenters will have to accept. Decisions must be made for
the public good. As a supporter of scientifically sound wildlife management
who understands the value wolves can bring to ecosystems, I am writing to urge you to
take a more balanced approach to Mexican wolf recovery efforts in the Southwest. After
ten years of reintroduction efforts, there are fewer than 60 wolves in the wild lands of the
Southwest, more than 40 short of the reintroduction goal of establishing 102 wolves in
the wild by 2006. Mexican wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world
and play an important role in restoring balance to Southwest forests. But despite these
facts, the Service hasn't made much progress in restoring them. There are millions of
acres of public land in the Southwest where wolves could thrive, but Mexican wolves
continue to be confined to a much smaller, politically defined recovery area. The rules as
they stand do not live up to the promise of the Endangered Species Act. As one of
900,000 members and supporters of Defenders of Wildlife, I am asking you to make the
following changes in the reintroduction rule. First, "uplist" the Mexican wolf to

Experimental Essential status. This will preserve the management flexibility of the rule, but require that other agencies consult about impacts on wolves. Second, allow the wolves to disperse beyond the recovery area, and to be released where biologists say is best. Third, don't limit wolf numbers, or allow any new reasons to kill them and ensure that any authorized removals take into account individual wolves' genetic value, the size and health of the population, the number of breeding pairs, and whether progress toward recovery is being made. I am confident that if you make all of these changes, the Mexican gray wolf recovery program will get back on track and these wolves will have a real chance at recovery in the wild lands of the Southwest. Thank you for considering my viewpoints on this incredibly important matter. Sincerely, Ms. Catherine Gumtow-Farrior 4033 SE Tillamook Loop Prineville, OR 97754-8584

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 Albuquerque , NM 87113 Attention John Sloan As a professional wildlife
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efforts.   Weather we realize it or not a great deal our awareness and perceptions of
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see throughout our lives. A substantial amount of the wolf images and information we
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in the form of Hollywood fictional depictions or misrepresented documentaries. It is through the eyes ands minds of our younger generation that we can leave powerful, realistic and lasting impressions of these great creatures we are trying to protect. Through the lens of photography we can provide the school systems and children with rare insights into the world of the wolves. Through school based educational programs I feel strongly that we have enormous potential to positively impact children and parents - educating and inspiring them to become directly and actively involved in the wolf recovery program.   I am willing to offer my time, skill and knowledge in the craft of wildlife photography to provide powerful images that would aid in the visual content of educational presentations. I would be willing to work closely with the involved rangers and wildlife biologists to obtain the necessary images that would accurately depict the wild wolves engaged in their daily struggles for survival.   Working in co-operation with rangers and wildlife biologists I would be willing to commit the time necessary to the development and presentation of educational based programs within and around the Flagstaff area. In addition, any images I was successful in obtaining I would permit to be used at no charge in all wolf recovery projects and efforts throughout the southwest. If you are willing to consider such an arrangement and are interested in seeing my work, please visit my website at: www.shanemcdermottphotography.com Look forward to talking with you soon. Sincerely,   Shane McDermott   Be a better friend, newshound, and know-it-all with Yahoo! Mobile. Try it now.

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have done in favor of wolf reintroduction. I have heard comments that things have not been fast enough and frankly it seemed like it happened in the blink of an eye, almost overnight! Congratulations! I would like to say after speaking with representatives at the meetings, I was happy to hear of an incident where a teenage boy had spotted two wolves while out hunting. Isn't this exactly the kind of encounter most nature lovers wait a lifetime to experience? Like seeing the whales fly out of the open ocean! It can really make your heart beat and feel the life within you! This is the type of encounter I had always dreamed could one day happen again. I would like to see the program expand and increase the wolves range and still have the restrictions maintained on them so that poachers and ranchers and ne'er-do-wells (which are out there!) can be held accountable for their actions. More people should be held accountable for their actions these days and this seems to be a perfectly good place to make people play by the rules.

I was very dissapointed to hear that the offspring of the wolves who had mated with dogs were Put To Death. In the 21st Century this approach seems awefully barbaric. Even Show Dog people figured out 30 years ago about spaying and neutering as puppies (at 6-8 weeks old) eliminates the need to drown puppies that are the wrong color or even deaf or blind. From this you should learn that we are THE CUSTODIANS (not the jailers, and executioners) of these animals, So spoiling the gene pool can be avoided, and so can the liability issue. There are numerous USDA approved facilities where wolf dogs go as permanent refugees for educational purposes and also just refuges where they can go that don't even show them to the public. If animal controls through out the country are willing to let these groups have these animals, how different is this branch of government? Either way these pups have just as much right to a life as the rest do and once they are here, and we are the CUSTODIANS, remember? So I would hope that enough people have written commentary concerning this issue by now, that it was an unaddressed area and now should be addressed in a more humane and and a more realistic and in a more avant -garde fashion. Something that brings the US Fish and Wildlife into the 21st Century with some grace and dignity in their role and in their demeanor. Other wise you're just "copping out" . So I am hoping to hear good news again in the future. I would like to hear more of your successess, and please keep the "obstacles" in the path to a minimum with some simple forethought. So far you are doing well and seem to truly have pride in, and see the value in the reintroduction program you have so successfully started. DON'T Lose ground now! Thank you for your time and concern in this matter: Danya Leshick, Director, Where Wolves Rescue. 30040 N 167th Ave Surprise Az 85387 623-546-9653 main, 602-689-8506 cell.

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governing the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction project. I have traveled through parts of
both New Mexico and Arizona, which are included in the Blue Range Recovery Area. It
is one of the most uniquely beautiful areas in all of North America. Predators are
necessary to maintain the health of ecosystems. I am a hiker. However, more
importantly, I am a citizen of the planet. Biodiversity of species is under attack all over
the world. Specifically, within the current rule, the Fish and Wildlife Service is not
fulfilling its mandate under the Endangered Species Act to recover the population of the
Mexican gray wolves in this region. Several items need to be addressed during this
rule change process. The Recovery Plan is out of date and needs to be revised in advance
of rule changes in order not to preclude future recovery actions. The population of
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of long term survival. Geographic boundaries that require capture and relocation are not beneficial to perpetuating the the current population. Consider the Northern areas of the Gran Canyon as a possible reintroduction area for the expansion. 3) Allow an annual compensation for livestock owners whose concern for threat by livestock-wolf conflicts inhibit the progress of the reintroduction objectives. Livestock owners should be offered an incentive to cooperate with the reintroduction project by ensuring that their interests are being considered and to help reduce the perceived threat. 4) Revise the 1998 Recovery Plan. It needs to be amended to be concurrrent with this rule so that rule changes do not preclude recovery actions. 5) Expand the number of wolves in the wild with no maximum set through this rule change. 6) Revise the rule for excessive removal of wolves defined as "take" and allow for less "take" options. Thanks for your consideration. Ellen Miller

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To Brian Milsap - I would like to support the continued efforts of the recovery of gray wolves in the Southwest. I do not support proposed modifications by the Dept. at this time. The wolf has proven to be an asset in other ecosystems for other mammals and plant species when allowed to be a part of that ecosystem, Yellowstone being one example. I know the Southwest faces more challenges from livestock owners and my suggestions are to offer greater incentives and "sticks" for garnering their support for the program. They are the key to whether the wolf survives and is integrated into the fabric of the ecosystem. I think the Dept. should put more effort on the humans in the area to comply with the program, whether it is picking up their dead livestock, dogs in certain program areas that could protect livestock and that volunteers be integrated into the science "end" of the program from graduate and Phd programs so that F&W person nel can relate and monitor the ranching community as well as others who may not understand the program. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I support many of the other suggestions of the NGOs are opposed to the modification of the wolf program. Edwina Vogan More new features than ever. Check out the new AOL Mail!

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Wolf")   Dear Mr. Milsap: Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on the
above captioned rule.   I firmly believe that this is a failed program that cannot
succeed even by tweaking the rules or operating procedures here and there. Therefore,
 the only issue that I would ask to be included in the scope of analysis is to seriously
analyze the discontinuance of the program. It is a waste of taxpayer money and should
be suspended. It is after all a "nonessential experimental population".   If there is truly
any genetic value in this so-called sub-species, it can be kept from extinction by breeding
as many as necessary in a series of five acre enclosures. There were real reasons why
the wolf was extirpated in the last century, all having to do with negative wolf-human
interactions. By breeding this sub-species in pens, The ESA requirement to keep them
from becoming extinct can be met and all the problems and burdens of the rural
population in the release areas would be eliminated.   Sincerely,   Bob Ricklefs 167
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closing; and 4) I believe that the current reintroduction program would likely be adrift and would continue to be hindered by existing policies in the three or more years that a comprehensive revision would likely require. In the meantime little or no progress may be made towards Mexican wolf recovery. Below I address each of these points in greater detail. I then present rule revision recommendations and a course of action to enhance the success of the BRWRA reintroduction program and to facilitate Mexican wolf recovery.   Rule revision should be guided by recovery planning The existing Recovery Plan for the Mexican wolf, adopted in 1982 is outdated and does not define a clear path to recovery. More recent recovery planning for the Mexican wolf, initiated in 2003 and suspended in 2005, is incomplete and inactive. Ideally the rule revision process should be informed by recovery planning. In the absence of recovery planning others have promulgated population goals, management guidelines, thresholds, and policies (AMOC 2005) that are likely to hinder or prevent Mexican wolf recovery as defined in the Endangered Species Act. Mexican wolf recovery will likely require the reintroduction of multiple populations in addition to the BRWRA population, that are well-connected by natural dispersal. This will likely include areas in Arizona and New Mexico that are currently outside the current 10(j) rule boundaries as well as areas of Utah, Colorado, and perhaps Texas. The proposal by AMOC (2005) will not accomplish this, nor is AMOC an appropriate body to determine actions necessary to recover Mexican wolves in the USA or in the states of Arizona and New Mexico. It is clear, however, that a self-sustaining and fit BRWRA population of Mexican wolves will be a critical component of regional recovery. Therefore in the absence of recovery planning this rule revision should focus on enhancing the success of the BRWRA population.   The Blue Range reintroduction program is not succeeding The current Mexican wolf reintroduction program initiated in 1998 following the acceptance of the current 10(j) rule has not achieved the goal of a self-sustaining and viable population of at least 100 wolves set for the BRWRA population in the 1996 FEIS. The population model supporting the FEIS predicted that after 8 years the population would number 102 wolves, including 18 "breeding pairs" (defined as pairs that produced at least 2 pups in the previous breeding season that survived until December 31 of their birth year). This was predicted to be achieved following the release of about 66 wolves. At the end of 2006 (8 years after the release of the first wolves) the population was estimated to number about 59 individuals and include 7 breeding pairs after the introduction of 99 individuals. This is substantially lower than the predictions. By December of 2007, it appears that there will be 7 or fewer breeding pairs in the BRWRA population and the known population may number than less 60 individuals at the end of the year.   The failure of the reintroduction program to meet numerical benchmarks has resulted from the high failure (removal + mortality) rate of Mexican wolves in the BRWRA population in combination with low recruitment. Several policies in the current 10(j) rule have contributed to these shortcomings. Since the year 2000, the failure rate has been dominated by management removals in response to wolf interactions with livestock and by removals of wolves that strayed beyond the BRWRA boundaries. It appears that from 2000 to 2006 wolf removals from these two causes have averaged about 23% of the population annually.   Removals in response to livestock interactions have increased markedly since the recent revision of SOP 13 which reduced discretionary decision making and set in place a rigid policy of wolf removal in response to repeated livestock

depredation. In 2007 the USFWS removed at least 6 alpha wolves as well as many other wolves (largely pups and yearlings) to address wolf conflicts with livestock. Meanwhile, the USFWS and the US Forest Service have apparently implemented no management policies to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts on public lands (e.g. improved husbandry, carcass management). At this point it is clear that simply increasing the removal rate of wolves that come into conflict with livestock is not a solution to the problems of wolf depredation or the struggling BRWRA population.   The current 10(j) rule also requires recapture (and possible permanent removal) of wolves that disperse beyond the boundaries of the BRWRA, if they don't return relatively quickly, even if they do not cause problems. The expectation that wolves would remain within the relatively small area of the BRWRA is unrealistic and counter productive.   This policy unnecessarily increases the wolf failure rate, increases the monetary costs of the reintroduction program, diverts personnel time, and is antithetical to wolf recovery.   In addition, limiting the initial releases of captive born wolves to the tiny Primary Recovery Zone in Arizona has severely limited needed new introductions. The result has been that the reintroduction program has often relied on translocating wolves with low fitness that were previously removed for livestock depredations or dispersing beyond the BRWRA boundary in an attempt to maintain population numbers. This portion of the current 10(j) rule has limited the establishment of a self-sustaining and fit population of wolves, and constrained the management of the reintroduced population.   Establishing fit and successful populations of Mexican wolves requires active and aggressive genetic management   The BRWRA reintroduction program initially relied solely on wolves with ancestry from only the McBride lineage. Early in the program this was appropriate because there were few F1 or cross-lineage wolves excess to the captive population and available for introductions. These wolves, however, had substantial levels of inbreeding, and succeeding offspring had even greater inbreeding. In addition, available evidence suggests that the McBride lineage has been negatively affected by strong genetic drift in captivity, and the lineage founders themselves may have been products of strong genetic drift in the wild (Fredrickson 2007).   Introductions of wolves with ancestry from two or more lineages began in 2000 with the introduction of F521, an F1 wolf with no inbreeding. Since then, however, relatively few F1 or cross-lineage wolves have been introduced, and because of the high removal rate for management reasons many of those introduced were removed before contributing to the population.   Inbreeding and the loss of genetic variation from genetic drift is known to reduce the fitness of individuals and populations (Keller & Waller 2002; Westemeier et al. 1998), and in small populations it may also reduce population growth rate and increase the probability of extinction (Madsen et al. 1999; Newman & Pilson 1997; Saccheri et al. 1998). However, crosses between inbred but unrelated individuals may restore fitness and increase population growth rates, a phenomenon termed "genetic rescue" (Tallmon et al. 2004). The enhanced relative fitness of outbred individuals in small inbred populations may also accelerate the spread of novel genes (Ebert et al. 2002; Saccheri & Brakefield 2002).   Fredrickson et al. (2007) found that F1 Mexican wolves produced from crosses between McBride and Ghost Ranch wolves and McBride and Aragon wolves had substantially greater reproductive fitness than early McBride wolves with little or no inbreeding and contemporary McBride wolves with greater levels of inbreeding in captivity. The probability of producing live pups for pairings between F1 wolves was

89% and 33% greater than pairings between contemporary McBride wolves in zoos and prerelease facilities, repsectively, and litter sizes among F1 x F1 pairings were about twice that of pairings between contemporary McBride wolves. Among captive cross-lineage wolves, reproductive fitness declined predictably with increases in inbreeding.

Fredrickson et al. (2007) also found a strong relationship between inbreeding levels of pups and the numbers of pups observed among wild pairs in the BRWRA population. With an increase of 0.1 in the pup inbreeding coefficient, the number of pups observed among packs was reduced by 0.82 pups. Overall this translated into 52% more pups being observed among packs producing cross-lineage pups than among packs producing pure McBride lineage pups. These findings offer a plausible explanation for the low litter and pack sizes observed in the BRWRA population relative to other wild wolf populations in North America (AMOC 2005). Similarly large effects of inbreeding have been observed among Scandinavian wolves (Liberg et al. 2005; Vila et al. 2003). Further, the negative effects of inbreeding on wild wolf populations are probably not limited to reproductive fitness. Inbreeding is also expected to negatively affect other traits closely related to fitness, such that demographic rates that strongly affect the population growth rate are likely to also be reduced.   At the end of November 2007, only 6 of the 14 alpha wolves in the BRWRA population whose ancestry was known had ancestry from two or more of the founding lineages. These 14 alpha wolves averaged only 4.5 and 10.7% Aragon and Ghost Ranch ancestry, respectively. This is substantially below the ancestry percentages recommended by Hedrick et al. (1996). Also the predominance of pure McBride wolves, as well as the repeated translocation of pure McBride wolves acts to continually dilute the existing Aragon and Ghost Ranch ancestry. When a cross-lineage wolf pairs with a McBride wolf, the percentage of Aragon and Ghost Ranch ancestry is halved in the pups. This, in combination with the poor fitness and high inbreeding levels (f = 0.25 – 0.29) of McBride wolves currently in the population indicates that genetic management of the BRWRA population needs to made a priority. The current ad hoc approach to genetic management is unlikely to produce a fit population that well-represents the genetic variation remaining in the captive population.   Active genetic management could be expected to increase the mean short-term fitness of the population, increase population growth rate relative to that without genetic management, accelerate the spread of Ghost Ranch and Aragon ancestry in the population, and maximize the long-term fitness, adaptive potential, and viability of the population.   Adopt a revised 10(j) rule by the end of 2008 A revision of the 10(j) rule governing the BRWRA reintroduction program is overdue. A comprehensive revision of the 10(j) rule, however, is inappropriate and counter-productive at this time given the absence of recovery planning and the limited window of opportunity to introduce captive wolves with high fitness and low inbreeding to accelerate establishment of a self-sustaining and fit population.   If a comprehensive revision is pursued, the 3+ year process would likely rule out introducing any more F1 wolves as the youngest Ghost Ranch F1's were born in 2002, and the youngest Aragon F1's were born in 2000. Additionally, by 2011, perhaps the first chance to begin introductions of high-value wolves, half or more of the F2 wolves (produced by crosses between F1 wolves: (MB x GR) x (MB x AR); f =~ 0.055) and other high-value wolves currently in existence may be too old to be considered for introductions. Given the current restrictions to new introductions it seems unlikely that many high-value wolves

would be introduced before 2011, and the high failure rate of wolves under the current management regime further suggest that the contribution of high-value wolves that are introduced may be limited. Further, it is possible that much of the progress that has been made thus far would be erased by the continued removal of existing high-value wolves for management reasons. It would be unfortunate if the USFWS was seen as stalling recovery or squandering the current historic opportunity to fast-track Mexican wolf recovery by pursuing a lengthy rule revision process. Instead, changes to the 10(j) rule should focus on enhancing the success of the current Blue Range reintroduction program and the rule revision process should be completed expeditiously. Establishing a self-sustaining and fit population of Mexican wolves in the BRWRA population is a first step towards recovery. This will require significant changes to the 10(j) rule including making aggressive and deliberate genetic management of the BRWRA population a priority. Conserving Mexican Wolves Below I outline changes that need to be made to facilitate Mexican wolf recovery generally and to facilitate the near-term establishment of a self-sustaining and fit population of Mexican wolves in the BRWRA. Again, this revision should not be comprehensive, but instead focused on enhancing the success of the BRWRA reintroduction program. Focusing on the BRWRA population should also allow for a much shorter revision process. Because time is such an important consideration at this point, every effort should be made to adopt the new rule in time to allow for new wolf introductions early in 2009. 1. Immediately reinvigorate and expedite recovery planning. 2. Revise the 10(j) rule to allow the introduction of captive-born wolves with no wild experience anywhere in the BRWRA. 3. Revise the 10(j) rule to allow wolves to disperse beyond the boundaries of the BRWRA. Wolves should be allowed to disperse through and live in any suitable habitat within Arizona or New Mexico, so long as they are not causing problems. The rule should also allow for recapture of single wolves outside the BRWRA if they are needed for genetic management of the BRWRA population. 4. Revise the 10(j) rule to institute measures to prevent wolf –livestock conflicts on federal lands. This may include removing or rendering inedible livestock carcasses, enhanced animal husbandry to prevent depredation, particularly in times or circumstances that are most likely to result in depredation (e.g. calving or lambing), or other measures. These changes should be implemented in an adaptive management framework, with attention to monitoring the effectiveness of prevention measures, and to compilation and analysis of data regarding effectiveness to provide feedback for management. The USFWS should consider hiring researchers or enlisting graduate researchers to document successes and failures. 5. Revise the 10(j) rule to greatly reduce the taking of Mexican wolves as a means of managing conflicts between Mexican wolves and livestock. This will likely require revising or replacing SOP 13 to increase the role of discretion in deciding the appropriate response to livestock depredation. It may also require changing the thresholds for wolf removal. 6. Revise the 10(j) rule to require coherent, active, and science-based genetic management to establish a fit population of Mexican wolves in the BRWRA. Genetic management may include substantial numbers of new introductions in Arizona and New Mexico as well as removal of wolves that hinder or do not contribute to establishment of a fit population that well-represents the remaining genetic variation in the captive population. 7. Revise the 10(j) rule to set biologically meaningful goals for the BRWRA population. I suggest that the numerical goal be set as a genetically effective

population size (Ne) of at least 50. A population of this size would be consistent with 50 / 500 rule of thumb and would be expected to limit loss of heterozygosity to 1% per generation. Von Holdt et al. (2007) examined the effective population size of the reintroduced population of wolves in Yellowstone National Park over a 10 year period. Their findings suggest that the ratio of effective to census population size fluctuated narrowly around 0.30 over this period of rapid population growth. For the BRWRA population, however, this ratio may be lower due to the variation in individual fitness resulting from varying inbreeding levels between individuals (Nei & Murata 1966). Thus, a census size greater than 167 may be needed to meet this goal. I further suggest that the interim ancestry goals of the BRWRA population be set at a minimum of 15% ancestry and a maximum of 25% ancestry from each of the Ghost Ranch and Aragon lineages. Also the genetic variation remaining in the captive population should be well-represented in the BRWRA population. These recommendations are consistent with those made by Hedrick et al. (1996). They should be treated as interim goals until there is sufficient data to examine the effects on fitness of the genetic loads associated with the Ghost Ranch and Aragon lineages. These goals would also foster both short-term fitness and longer-term retention of adaptive potential. 8. The 10(j) rule should not be revised to increase the abilities of states, tribes, or individuals to take Mexican wolves, beyond those that currently exist. Decisions regarding increased take of Mexican wolves by non-federal bodies or individuals should be part of a comprehensive rule revision based on recovery planning. 9. The 10(j) rule should not be revised to include any provisions that may hinder or limit full recovery for Mexican wolves in the USA. 10. Once recovering planning has appropriately advanced, the 10(j) rule should be comprehensively revised to address the full needs of Mexican wolf recovery in the USA. This second round of revisions should also be conducted expeditiously such that additional populations of Mexican wolves can be established as soon as possible. 11. If a comprehensive revision of the 10(j) rule is pursued in the present revision process, it should allow for establishment of at least 3 reintroduced populations of Mexican wolves in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and perhaps western Texas. The revision should also facilitate frequent natural dispersal of wolves between and within populations. Wolves should be restored to ecologically effective densities, and the genetically effective population size of the entire regional population should be sufficient for the long-term maintenance of adaptive potential in Mexican wolves. Finally, the utility to recovery of the experimental non-essential population designation should be reexamined. At present there appear to be limited evidence that this designation has facilitated Mexican wolf recovery. Sincerely, Richard Fredrickson Missoula, MT Literature Cited Adaptive Management Oversight Committee. 2005. Mexican wolf Blue Range reintroduction project 5 year review: technical component. Ebert, D., et al. 2002. A selective advantage to immigrant genes in a Daphnia metapopulation. Science 295:485-488. Fredrickson, R.J. 2007. Effects of inbreeding and outbreeding in red and Mexican wolves. PhD Dissertation, Arizona State University. Fredrickson, R., P. Siminski, M. Woolf, and P. Hedrick. 2007. Genetic rescue and inbreeding depression in Mexican wolves. Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, Series B 274:2365-2371. Hedrick, P. W., P. S. Miller, E. Geffen, and R. Wayne. 1997. Genetic evaluation of the three captive Mexican wolf lineages. Zoo Biology 16: 47-69. Keller, L. F., and D. M. Waller. 2002. Inbreeding effects in wild

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