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I write to express my strong support for the gray wolf re-introduction program and my outrage at the baseless comments being made by those opposing this program. In addition to continuing the re-introduction program, I urge USF&W to put out biological accurate information about the

gray wolf, its habits, and that fact that wolves do not attack humans. The baseless comments and claims of a few dominate the media's focus on this issue and must be corrected. I also want to see individuals, including local government officials, who violate federal laws protecting the wolf prosecuted.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Mielke

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Dear Jhon Slone:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer scoping comments and issues on the above captioned rule. Although the listing of specifics 1-18, as listed in many letters you will receive by the deadline, allow me to include a few more realities and actualities.

The Mexican Wolf Reintroduction program is an ill-advised, unwanted, scheme that fails to acknowledge the damage these predators have wrought

upon our homeland in Catron County (and others). As the Federal Register reports, the Mexican Grey Wolf is only a subspecies, and was established as a non-essential, experimental population! True Mexican wolves were shot in this area until there were no more. Isn't that an indication that they are not wanted here?

You say you seek comments from everyone who has been impacted by this cruel predator, and yet there have been dozens and dozens of local meetings, with rooms filled with angry landowners and ranchers whose cattle, pets, and livelihoods have been devastated by this hybrid "wolf" that has bred with local dogs and coyotes. The pure wolf is the grey wolf of the northern reaches of our country and in most of Canada and Alaska.

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In conclusion, why did Ted Turner have all the wolves removed from his ranch in Arizona? Because they were killing his buffalo calves, that's why! Need I say more?

OK, one more thing. The program is NOT working! Get rid of it!

Sincerely,

Ann Leonard

Reserve, New Mexico

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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.

It is hard to understand why the approach to addressing the issue of Mexican wolves isn't more important to the Service. The wolves are as endangered, if not more so, than a lot of other animals and wildlife in the world. For the Mexican gray wolves to truly reclaim their place in the Southwest, wolf populations must reach healthy, sustainable levels. But the way reintroduction efforts are being managed right now, full recovery is all but impossible.

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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,

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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. YOU have FAILED!

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, but only killing them.

There are millions of acres of public land in the Southwest where wolves could thrive, including the vast area North of the Grand Canyon, but Mexican wolves continue to be confined to a much smaller, ranch grazing land and a politically defined recovery area. The rules as they stand do not live up to the promise of the Endangered Species Act.

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First, Get COMPLETELY OUT of the wolf management business .. you have done a dismal job and killed many of our endangered wolves! Politics do not work! Let a group that knows what they are doing conduct this very important program!

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I am confident that if you make all of these changes, (including getting OUT of the wolf recovery effort) the Mexican gray wolf recovery program under competent non-political leadership will get back on track and these wolves will have a real chance at recovery in the wild lands of the Southwest. You folks have had your chance and failed!

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Thank you for considering my viewpoints on this incredibly important matter.

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Re: Scoping Comments pursuant to Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 151,  
Pages 44065-44069: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants;

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Intent to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement and Socio-Economic Assessment for the Proposed Amendment of the Rule Establishing a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Arizona and New Mexico Population of the Gray Wolf ("Mexican Gray Wolf").

Attn: Brian Millsap and others it may concern,

I have already sent comment after comment regarding the treatment of the Mexican Gray Wolves and efforts to establish wild populations, however, I need to send comments once again. I keep hoping that at some point in the near future U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service personnel will remember that their job is to protect our rare and disappearing wildlife species; not help to eliminate them.

The Mexican Gray Wolf has already proved it remembers how to survive in the wild. It is not augmenting its population in Arizona and New Mexico due to illegal killing as well as government killing that is apparently considered "legal". These wolves have always been essential, and the fact that government has mislabelled the species shows that the program has always been ruled by politics and not science. The whole situation of establishing artificial boundaries where wolves can not cross, that they were not introduced into more areas that were primary to them historically, and that we have prioritized bending over to traditional rancher hatred of wolves shows what a charade this reintroduction program has been from the start. Our government has made it MUCH more expensive (and therefore open to more criticism) than it should have been, all in an effort to "please" the ranching industry, an industry that will never be friendly to predators.

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Why we always allow this contingent to bend the rules when no one else is allowed to is just beyond me! Just because they bellyache all the time (instead of just being out there watching their own damn cows) should not be a reason to allow them special exemption to break the law. Or to change the laws to accommodate them and their whining. Eliminate their federal grazing leases. That would make it much easier for them to protect their cow/calf investments.

So quit wasting our time and wolf lives and get busy doing your job! Protect the wolves, put enough enforcement people in the field to do the job, tell the ranchers to protect their own cattle and quit doing

it for them. If they whine about it and can't follow the law like everyone else, then take their allotments away from them and give them back to the rest of us! It's been shown time and again that most Americans want wild wolves. Wolves can learn to be wild again if we will just let them. If someone is prosecuted for shooting a wolf, then we need to cut off their trigger finger. No excuses that "they thought it was a coyote" either! It's against the law to shoot at something if you don't know what you're aiming at, and they should be prosecuted for that.

Let our wolves be real wild wolves and prosecute to the fullest extent anyone who uses illegal means to interfere.

Most sincerely,

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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.

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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,

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Dear Mr. Millsap:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service program to reintroduce the Mexican Gray Wolf to the Southwest is important to the preservation of the vigor of wildlife species in that ecosystem. Wolves occupy an important ecological niche, and it is worth expending significant resources to bring back the wolf population.

I use federal lands in the Southwest for hiking and backpacking, and I am concerned about deterioration in the naturalness of the area, and the broad impact of the removal of key species such as the Mexican Gray Wolf.

I am concerned that the program to reintroduce the wolf has not met its initial goals, and that the current rules and management procedures make a successful outcome unlikely.

The Mexican Gray Wolf should be released into additional areas outside of the current Recovery Area. One particularly ideal region for wolf release is the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico. I have backpacked in the Gila Wilderness a number of times, and I cannot think of a better wolf habitat.

Wolves should not be captured simply because they have wandered outside of the Recovery Area. The unnecessary capture and re-release into the limited Recovery Area exposes the animals to risk of accidental injury or death, and interferes with pack formation.

The criteria for eliminating problem animals need to be tightened, so that fewer wolves are killed. For example, wolves should not be killed for scavenging livestock carcasses.

Livestock operators should be required to properly dispose of livestock carcasses to avoid habituating wolves to feed on livestock.

The status of the Mexican Wolf should be upgraded to Experimental Essential, to facilitate consultation with other government agencies.

The above recommendations are actions that have already been identified by experts as necessary to make the Mexican Gray Wolf reintroduction a success. I urge the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to adopt all of these changes in the near future.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Mexican Gray Wolf Program.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

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2. Based largely on what has happened in the field to date, revise and update the Recovery Plan.
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Brian Millsap

Dear Millsap,

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Mexican wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world. 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.

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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,

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Thomas Hulen

31 December 2007

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RE: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping Comments

First of all I am grateful there are Mexican Wolves back in the wild and I hope to see the population fully recover. Unfortunately there are several obstacles preventing successful Mexican wolf recovery.

My suggestions that will lead to successful wolf recovery are:

Remove the fictitious "experimental nonessential designation" and change the populations status to "endangered" status. This change will reflect the reality of the situation. Let's be honest, the Mexican wolf situation in New Mexico and Arizona is dire. Allow the Mexican wolf population to expand from the current artificial boundary to a situation that reflects the Mexican wolf's natural distribution. Allow wolf reintroductions into other areas to reflect the natural distribution of Mexican wolves.. Develop a program that will force livestock growers to follow enlightened and predator neutral or friendly animal husbandry techniques.

- Remove or properly dispose of dead livestock.
- Protect livestock by corralling them or guarding them more effectively

Livestock growers in the arid southwest need to realize that their leases are not rights. Their livestock are really nonessential to our dietary

needs or the economy in the United States. Livestock growers in more mesic habitats can raise cattle on grass without government handouts and still make money.

Stop killing wolves for being wolves! We should encourage natural behavior, which does not include hunting people, instead of punishing them for their natural behavior.  
Revise the recovery plan to include mandatory predator friendly animal husbandry techniques for livestock growers, and for the allowance for the wolves to expand their range. This will include allowing natural fluctuations in the population.

Thank you for this opportunity comment.

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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.

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Dec 31, 2007

Brian Millsap

Dear Millsap,

I'm so disappointed to have to be writing about this topic yet again. I simply cannot understand the difficulty in ensuring the survival of this vital species. Several very common sense options have been

presented over and over again, yet these magnificent wolves are still being killed or returned to captivity because these options are not being utilized. Why?

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. There are several suggestions listed below and I'd like to see them implemented as soon as possible.

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.

The numbers would not be so dismal if ranchers weren't permitted to kill wolves simply for preying on livestock. It is a wolf's nature

(and right!) to take whatever animals are available. With the decrease in natural prey due to an overabundance of livestock on public lands, it is only natural that some small amount of livestock loss will be experienced.

There are possible solutions to this perceived problem: compensate ranchers for livestock lost to wolf predation or, better yet, impress upon ranchers using public lands for grazing that natural wildlife

belonging to the area has precedence over livestock. They can count it as part of the cost of doing business on public lands.

Just because these ranchers may pay use fees for grazing privileges, that doesn't mean that they've actually purchased that land for private use. It ISN'T their land...it is everyone's! If they still are not happy with the existence of wildlife on these lands, they certainly have the option of purchasing their OWN lands to manage as they see fit.

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. This also doesn't make much sense.

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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. Each species lost diminishes us and the world at large.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Schneider  
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FAXED and EMAILED:

December 31, 2007

Dear Mr. Slown,

It is my opinion, given much research, that the introduction of the wolf anywhere in the 48 contiguous states is ill advised at this time:

It is a fact that wolves are not endangered on planet Earth.

The Mexican Grey wolf is genetically identical to other wolves.

FWS employees are, in my judgment, more concerned about job security than the actual welfare of the flora and fauna that the American taxpayers are paying you to protect.

Releasing wolves, or any plant, animal, insect, in an area that does not contain the necessary resources for that living thing to survive is tantamount to murder.

Released wolves are necessarily habituated to man and therefore at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to avoidance of man.

USFWS should nix all plans for introduction of the wolf until science favors doing so. Trying to advance agendas without legitimate reasons only weakens USFWS credibility. To use an appropriate cliché, I believe that USFWS is "crying wolf". You may find a place and time where you need the support, financially and otherwise, of your employer, the U.S. taxpayer. What will you do then?

I co-administer a site entitled Otero Residents Forum which has focused on wolf introduction. Over 2400 visits have been logged to the site from all over the world. The site too voluminous to include here but I request that it be included as public input. The address is:

<http://www.oteroresidentsforum.blogspot.com>

Sincerely,

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Cc: Congressman Stevan Pearce

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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.

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Re: Suggestions for Modifying Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Program

Dear Mr. Slown;

Presented herein are my comments regarding the current Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Program and potential modifications to it. First, I give you a few basic principals that are critical and remain a framing requirement for the discussion.

Since the attempted eradication of the Mexican Wolf in the US and Mexico by the Federal Government in the last century, the fundamental nature of the public land of the Southwest has changed. Conditions supportive of the wolf's survival have, through human interaction, been also changed. Many of these changes involve attempts to provide "multi-use management" of the public lands, where such activities are compatible. In some cases, the Federal Government has needed to make adjustments in the uses of public lands where conflicts arise. One of the most contentious conflicts is that between the needs of ESA-listed species and the natural resource industries.

When faced with irrevocable conflicts, the Federal Government has either acceded to the needs of ESA-listed species recovery, or has been ordered to do so by the courts. The impacted public land users have made the required adjustment and continued on. To date, I am not aware of one natural resource industry that has been eliminated by the ESA, including

the wolf recovery programs. Simply stated, humans and the business community have enormous resilience, this not afforded the wolf or many other species.

Of course the impact to local communities of these ESA decisions has been difficult - - no argument. As a 30-year career, natural resources professional (both public and private sector) I have seen the results of these impacts and I have work on their mitigation. Despite these impacts, the public lands belong to the US Government - - always have - - to be administered in trust for the entire nation, not just local businesses. The compassion of the responsible agencies should always be for these communities and individuals; however, the human residents have a personal responsibility to learn the history and law of the public land before they develop a reliance on that land for livelihood or custom.

Therefore, it is imperative that public land managers recognize a simple fact. If the recovery of the Mexican Grey Wolf requires the accommodation, or even elimination, of livestock on the public land, such a sacrifice is necessary. Any proof that the Service is not fully pursuing the recovery is an abdication of responsibility under the ESA and a violation of law. Further, the States of New Mexico and Arizona and all counties and municipalities, under their individual State law and as supported by numerous court decisions, have a responsibility to not interfere with this action.

Currently, we have a governor in New Mexico that has shown a proper spirit of reasonableness in this matter. In fact, the current NM State government has shown a complete willingness to follow the intent of the recovery program. It is crucial the Service, during this time period, pursue the required changes in the reintroduction program aggressively. This time may not come again and my comments are delivered in that spirit.

The following specific suggestions are made with respect to the modification of the Mexican Grey Wolf (MGW) Reintroduction Program.

(1) Evaluate changing designation of the MGW from nonessential to essential, under Section 10(j) of the ESA. It is clear that there will be no MGWs in the Southwest without ESA protection and that the current experimental program shows promise only if protected from deliberate human depredation of the wolf population. This suggests that the Service needs to redefine the MGW status and develop management guidelines that define a higher level of protection from take for the population.

(2) Evaluate expansion of the reintroduction onto other public land. Additional BLM land and other potential state and private land could be included in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery area. Decisions about habitat should be made based upon ecological and socio-economic reasons - - not arbitrary, Federal use designation boundaries. The evaluation would clearly require a novel approach to collaborative management.

(3) Evaluate expansion of the initial release area. The arbitrary limitation of the release area to Arizona is a political artifact and has no basis in wildlife management. Release locations should be chosen on basis of ecological and public land management factors (including socio-economic) only. This change in the plan could have important consequences on both the genetic health of the population and the status of prey species.

(4) Evaluate requirements for livestock carcass removal as a condition of grazing permits on public land in the current and expanded Reintroduction Area. There is no excuse for claims that this practice is not viable for the grazers. Abandoned livestock carcasses are a clear threat to the predation behavior of the MGW and cannot be allowed. Strong language and enforcement supporting carcass removal is needed in all USFS grazing permits.

(5) Stop killing wolves. The grazing of cattle on public land is a privilege awarded to ranchers that follow the larger objectives of the public land agencies. It is not a right. The public, in general, wants MGWs in the Southwest. Therefore, the grazing industry must adapt to this. The current rate of individual loss through Service or private killing is unacceptable and in violation of the intent of the ESA. The Service must expand or change the management of the reintroduction to

quickly and significantly reduce depredation of the MGW by humans,  
public  
and private.

In conclusion, while I have supported wolf reintroduction over the  
entire  
life of the program, I saw my first wolf in the wild this past spring.  
On  
a five-day fishing trip on the East Fork of the Gila River, along  
Diamond  
Creek, I watched a wolf run down a cow elk and her calf. The desperate  
vignette reminded me of the hard existence of both the wolf and the elk  
-  
- both facing different forms of death. A moment of profound  
instruction  
that I think we all need. Neither animal asked anything but a chance  
to  
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Respectfully,

Submitted by E-mail

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