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Holly Haworth
Ruidoso, NM
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Dear Millsap,

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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December 31, 2007

Brian Milsap

State Administrator, US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Re: Notice of Scoping Meetings and Intent To Prepare an 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'')

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I believe that the following issues should be included in the scope of analysis:

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3. Disclosure of the full social, cultural and economic impacts on rural residents, small business and local governments due to presence of introduced wolves.

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Thank you for your consideration.

I have not written the above letter, but I agree with ALL of its content. It's time to move in this direction.

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I fully agree with the following program:

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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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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.

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December 30th , 2007

Mr. John Slown

U.S.Fish and Wildlife Service
New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office
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Dear Mr. Slown:

I read an article in the AZ Republic about the Mexican gray wolves in Arizona and a friend told me I should address my comments to you.

I'm very much in favor of keeping native wolves a part of our natural wilderness. I understand that ranchers are concerned about cattle being killed. But according to the article I read, they are compensated for any cows killed by wolves. Why are the ranchers still complaining and trying to curtail the reintroduction program? And why are they getting their way at the expense of the wolves? Ranchers also need to do their part by removing dead cows from the public ranges.

Please revise the existing practice of capturing and relocating wolves that migrate into other areas in their historic range. As long as they are not disturbing any humans, why can't they be left to grow in number naturally? They are important to the overall health of the ecosystem. The Fish and Wildlife Service should be repairing the damage done in the past to these animals, not protecting the type of policies that almost wiped them out to begin with.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Brian Millsap, State Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
NM

Dear Dr. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

The opportunity to comment on the rule-change for managing reintroduced Mexican gray wolves comes not a moment too soon. 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.
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Dr. Brian Millsap, State Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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To this end, please develop a Conservation Alternative to be analyzed in the draft environmental impact statement that would

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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, two years ago.

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.

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Wolf's WITHOUT boundaries!! These political boundaries are having an adverse and terrible affect on the reintroduction program. Allow these animals to utilize any public lands the animal sees fit.

Classify the Lobo as an ENDANGERED animal that it so truly is. Every animal in the wild and captivity is extremely precious to the species - as you are aware of the small population of the animal.

Don't be BULLIED by the New Mexico Cattle Association nor the County Commissioner of Catron County. Their ideological rhetoric is disconcerting, if not down-right scary.

Our public lands are more than just for cattle grazing. Less than 3% of our country's beef comes from the public lands in the mountain west - to destroy the Lobo Recovery Program to protect this destructive practice of grazing is an abuse that has gone on way to long. Use your influence to encourage "buy-outs" of ranchers long term leasing agreements on America's public land and let's help restore the true vitality of the ecosystem.

INTACT ecosystems must have their top predators. All other flora and fauna benefit within the ecosystem - the Southwest must have the Lobo!

Keep WILDERNESS WILD!

Honor the notion of INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE - What do we owe future generations? Intact Ecosystems and healthy environments! Return the Lobo unfettered to it's home range and honor the Endangered Species Act to the letter and intent of the law.....!

Punish ranchers for violating the spirit of the Compensation Program for bovines lost to predation. I won't get into some of the examples of this abuse, I'm sure your office is aware of them - at least in part.

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Dr. Brian Millsap, State Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Please direct your full support to implementing the program of Mexican Grey Wolf reintroduction. To date the efforts of the US Dept of Fish and Wildlife have been woefully lacking. The program is ten years old

and yet there are many fewer animals than there should be at this point in the program. Furthermore, there are many more acres in the southwest for the wolves to thrive in, so the borders of their area should be moved or expanded to allow for the pack to develop in a natural manner.

As Americans, these beautiful animals belong to all of us and deserve to be protected. Bowing to the interest of certain local groups does

not serve the needs of the entire nation. These creatures are ours to care for - it is a right and an obligation, so I urge the US Dept of fish and wildlife to do its' job in restoring these animals to their rightful territory.

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