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Dec 30, 2007

Brian Millsap

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.

Sincerely,

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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.

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

Sincerely,

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the herders take responsibility for their livestock. As a professional

dog trainer, I know these animals are only doing what comes natural to them, so why are you punishing them for their lifestyle? Why not punish the herders for letting their livestock run all over the lands free without a single soul to guard them?

I honestly believe it is the fault of the herders for not guarding their livestock! I believe the government should place laws on the herders, that is where this should start. Have the herders protect their property first if they do not want to lose their property to potential prey. What ever happen to herding animals that are also known as livestock guardians like the German Shepherds, Appenzeller

Mountain Dogs, Rottweilers, Shiloh Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdog, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Great Pyrenees, Bernese

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In my opinion it is in-humane what the government is doing to the

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Brian Millsap

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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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments regarding the rule changes for the Mexican Gray Wolf reintroduction program in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA). It is my understanding that our nation's public lands are reserved for all citizens - not for the use of a very few who would like keep them to themselves. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has an obligation to see that this recovery program succeeds - the obligation extends to assuring those who oppose this program that wolf recovery will succeed in spite of their efforts to stop it. Up until now that has not been the case, and the time has come to exert the authority of the USF&WS and the American people over the wishes of those few who are abusing their privileges on our public lands.

Since it is obvious the Blue Range population of Mexican gray wolves is not receiving the protection they need to succeed in the wild, I ask that you include a "Conservation Alternative" - changing the classification from "experimental, non-essential" to "experimental, essential." Congress provided for this classification, but the USF&W has not used it. It is time to use it. It is proven that our wild lands and wildlife benefit greatly from the presence of predator species, keeping our natural world in balance - that balance is essential.

Eliminate boundaries and restrictions to accommodate wolf dispersal as packs adjust for their needs. No geographical areas should be excluded from potential occupation by wolves.

Expand the area for initial releases of wolves to anywhere in the Blue

Range Recovery Area. It is common knowledge that populations of any species need diverse genetic input. Receiving fresh genes directly from wolves currently in captivity would enhance the New Mexico population. A rule change that allows new releases to occur throughout the recovery area would give agency managers much needed management tools for assuring the viability and self-sustainability of the BRWRA population of Mexican gray wolves.

Resolve livestock-wolf conflicts in ways that keep wolves in the wild and achieve progress towards reintroduction objectives. The USF&WS must begin requiring owners of livestock using the public land to clean up dead stock before wolves find and scavenge on them. At the recent meetings I attended I heard USF&WS staff say that there is no proof that this scavenging leads to further livestock depredation. I have heard many other wildlife biologists express exactly the opposite view of animal behavior.

The three-strike policy must be abandoned and excessive wolf removal must stop. Far less "take" of wolves should be allowed and intense and thorough investigations into suspected wolf predation should be mandatory. Not only should carcasses be thoroughly examined, the ranch practices of branding near wolf dens and baiting wolves with live cattle - leading to predation - should be considered in every case.

100 is the minimum number of wolves needed for the BRWRA population to be viable and self-sustaining. There should be no cap on the number of wolves in the wild.

Revise the Recovery Plan. The current Recovery Plan does not include objectives for full recovery of Mexican gray wolves. Revise the recovery plan before or concurrent with this rule change so that rule changes do not preclude future recovery actions.

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