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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.

Sincerely,

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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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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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Dec 29, 2007

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Future generations will be affected by your decision. Extinct is forever!!!!

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Dec 29, 2007

Brian Millsap

Dear Millsap,

I am a Conservation Biologist who strongly supports scientifically sound wildlife management. I greatly understand the value wolves can bring to ecosystems as I teach this message daily at my job with the

Phoenix Zoo, an organization also contributing to the recovery of these key characters of our ecosystems health. I am pleading with you to reconsider your approach to the Mexican wolf recovery efforts in the Southwest.

I know and understand the statistics of the Mexican wolf's survival since its reintroduction into the Southwest and am extremely disappointed with my governments "efforts" to establish a "healthy" population of 102 wolves by 2006.

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Living in the Southwest and being very active in nature, I am quite aware that there are literally millions of acres of public land in the Southwest where wolves could thrive. However, under current restrictions, Mexican wolves are confined to a ridiculously small, 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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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Mr. Millsap,

I am a taxpayer and citizen of Arizona. I am taking this opportunity to comment on the Mexican Wolf Recovery and Reintroduction Program that has been ongoing in Arizona and New Mexico for some time now.

I have repeatedly been reading about the extermination of "problem" wolves that depredate on livestock that are grazed on public lands. Government agents are shooting more wolves than are born, many as an indirect result of irresponsible ranching. The U.S. Forest Service operates its grazing mandate on a financial loss; this is a well known fact. The grazing and subsequent destruction of our public lands and watersheds is a subsidized program. The taxpayers are forced to pay for these losses and the expensive measures enacted in an attempt to mitigate the ongoing negative effects of grazing.

When is enough, enough? How much do we have to pay to allow these hobby ranchers to destroy our public land to maintain their archaic "way of life"? Not only are we paying for the gross subsidy in grazing, but now it is also solely and directly preventing the recovery of one of our most beautiful and celebrated wild creatures, the Mexican Wolf.

The wolf is not only a symbol of the wilderness, it is a deeply-rooted part of our natural heritage in the southwest. In addition, and most importantly, the wolf is vital to a functioning biotic community as a top predator.

I plead for the USFWS to stop governing to the will of 0.01% of the U.S. citizenry (ranching community) and start listening to the other 99.9% of American citizens whom you are also supposed to represent. The environmental groups that keep your agency honest speak not only for themselves, but for the vast majority of citizens that, one day, want the opportunity to hear the howl of the wolf in America's southwestern wilderness. In the wake of years of negative publicity about your agency (scientific tampering, political interference, etc.), do something that is supported by the science and you can stand behind and be proud of for once.

Do what's right, stop caving-in to ranchers, remove cattle grazing from allotments in the wolf recovery zone and restore the wolf to the wild. The solution is literally that simple. You owe it to the American public, the ecosystem, and to the Endangered Species Act.

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