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

Sincerely,  
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Mexican wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world. They play an important role in restoring balance to our Southwest forests. But despite these facts, the Service hasn't made much progress in restoring them. My question is: Why?

There are millions of acres of public land in the Southwest where Mexican wolves could thrive, but they 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. Once again, I ask: Why?

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Thank you for taking the time to read my viewpoints on this crucial matter.

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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

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"IF THEY PROVE THEIR CATTLE WILL ALL DROP CALVES IN THE SAME 30  
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I'm writing this as a member of a multi-generation farming family. We have raised cattle as a means of livelihood for close to two hundred years that we can document, so we have a keen understanding of the

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Please make a proactive and balanced effort to protect and expand the numbers of Mexican Grey wolves in the Southwestern US. Current efforts have fallen short of program goals, and this needs to be corrected.

The importance of reinstating the wolf as a sustainable component of the southwestern ecosystems can't be overemphasized. Large predator populations should be allowed to increase, in order for deer and elk

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The Endangered Species Act should provide protection and impetus to federal agencies to manage for greater wolf population on federal lands.

We have large expanses of public land in our Southwestern US region that can support populations of the native wolf. Thus far recovery efforts have been confined to small isolated geographical tracts. In concert with many tens of thousands of other supporters of wolf reintroduction and recovery, I submit the following recommendations:

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