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U.S. F&WS State Administrator Brian Millsap  
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Dear Dr. Millsap,

Thank you for this the opportunity to submit scoping comments on the above referenced proposal to revise the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(j) rule that established and governs the management of the nonessential experimental population of Mexican wolves in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA).

Please allow me to express my concern that today, almost a decade after wolves were reintroduced into the BRWRA, fewer than 60 lobos exist in the wild. The Mexican gray wolf is a charismatic and integral part of our ecological heritage, which

deserves our protection. Lobos belong in the American Southwest. We hope that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will utilize this rule-making process to implement the conservation mandate of the ESA, and thus facilitate success for our Mexican gray wolf program.

Sweeping changes will be necessary in order to get our wolf program back on track. First and foremost, the Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) should be listed as endangered in its own right, separate and distinct from the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*). At the very least, the population of Mexican wolves in the BRWRA should be designated as "experimental, essential" under ESA Section 10(j).

Beyond this initial "uplisting," the Service can and should make many changes to the ways in which wolves are managed in the Southwest. These changes include:

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- \* immediately reinitiating recovery planning on behalf of the lobos.

Each of these changes should be represented by a "Conservation Alternative" in the forthcoming National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should ultimately adopt. The ESA requires that our lobos be managed in order to "further the conservation of the species." Our obligation to recover Mexican wolves, however, goes beyond a legal mandate. Returning wolves to their rightful place on the landscape is both a moral and ecological imperative. Thank you for this opportunity to be a voice for wolves.

Sincerely, Tanya Gerard

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FWS,

Implement a Conservation Alternative that would be the first ever " experimental - essential " in the BRWRA.

Add Wolves and Reduce the Take.

Took 2 kids to see a wolf in Flagstaff and one petted it even though he is

the one who has fears up the hing- yang.

Local (actually nearby) ferocity is essential to psychological health and disturbance and that is all you can really hope for.

Dave Healey  
19203 n. 29th Ave, #44  
Phoenix, Az. 85027

ps Got on the I-17 at Kachina Village at 8:50am one Sat. morn and watched 6 cars skreech to a halt as an elk rain across east and at least one driver saw their life pass in front of them and resumed speed to 40 after a half mile. Your FWS program of using the cross walk is not really working all that well. Maybe the wolves could help.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Therese Balboni  
414 Highland St.  
Wethersfield, Ct.  
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Randy and Laura Burns  
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December 27th, 2007

Dear Mr. Slown,

I am writing to provide my input on the future of the Mexican wolf recovery plan. I've read a wide variety of material on the wolves and the USFWS program to re-establish the wolf on its former range. I also subscribe to the list serve of updates on the program. I would like to thank you for taking the time to come to Tucson to allow concerned citizens to meet and discuss things with the professionals dedicated to this program.

At this point, it seems obvious to me that the program is not working, and that more resources will be required if the wolf is ever going to become self-sustaining again. The number of wolves has been in a plateau for the past 3-4 years, probably because the areas in which they are allowed to roam are too small, the release area is too constrictive, and the expectation that wolves will not prey on livestock is not realistic. I support the following actions:

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- 2) Increase the number of release areas.
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Best Regards,

-Alan Binnie

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Mr. Brian Millsap, State Admin.  
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Dear Mr. Millsap, As a citizen of NM I protest any dislocating of the Gray Wolf from the Gila area or any wilderness area. They belong here & have been with us before farmers & ranchers. The more we disturb nature the more we will suffer in generations to come. There must be a way we can all live together. Thank you. Maryln Zahler, 1060 Sable Circle, Las Cruces 88001. Phone# 575.647.1470

A Very Happy New Year. A reply is requested.

Warmest Regards

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Commentary on the Mexican Gray Wolf establishment program amendments,  
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c) no comment

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I appreciate the opportunity to register my input. The wolf re-introduction program is more likely to succeed if common ground is established between the local population and the FWS. That will require the local population to respect the legitimate authority of the FWS and

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wolf survival in the wild. Here are my suggestions to help your Mexican Gray Wolf reintroduction program succeed:

The Mexican Gray Wolves needs to be classified as "endangered" or "experimental, essential" to give them more protection. The species is not prospering and is in immediate danger of extinction due to the low number of individual wolves currently living in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA). A Conservation Alternative needs to be included and the classification must be changed to "endangered" or "experimental, essential" because, frankly, the wolves are not being recovered under the existing classification.

The range of the Mexican Gray Wolves needs to be expanded, because their current range, the BRWRA, is way too small. There should be no exclusion of geographic areas from potential occupation by these wolves. There should be no restrictions on wolf dispersal and movement. Wolves require a large habitat area, and to ensure their recovery they should be allowed to leave the BRWRA boundary and disperse. The wolves should be allowed to roam free and to roam beyond the primary "artificial" release area. They should not be re-captured and re-located every time they leave the BRWRA, because this disrupts packs, prevents genetic augmentation, injures individual wolves, and wastes the time of biologists. Additionally, include the Grand Canyon Ecoregion as a home range for these wolves, since this is an excellent habitat for wolf recovery. Allow Mexican Gray Wolves to be released throughout the BRWRA to provide better management and to increase genetic diversity. This will give wild wolves the benefit of genetic augmentation by releasing wolves currently in captivity to mingle with wild populations. A rule change that allows new releases of wolves throughout the BRWRA would give biologists the management tools necessary to assure the viability and self-sustainability of the wolves.

The number of Mexican Gray Wolves in the wild should be expanded and no maximum should be set for the number of wolves in the wild. The Mexican Gray Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem and they restore the top-down food chain, thus putting the rich biological diversity of the land back in balance. In the present time, most people have gained an understanding of the role of predators in maintaining ecological

diversity, as well as an understanding of the fragility of our Southwestern ecosystem. Wolves belong in Arizona. There should be a stop to the killing and removing of the Mexican Gray Wolves. The reason why is because these wolves are endangered and your target goal of 100+ reintroduced wolves has never been reached, even after 10 years of trying. Wolves belong in the American Southwest as an integral part of a balanced ecosystem. In the past century, these wolves have been persecuted; in the present time, many people like me want wildlife to have priority. These wolves are endangered, and as such they must take priority over non-native livestock; programs are in place to compensate those who raise livestock. However, those who raise livestock should also be accountable to remove carcasses of dead livestock so that wolves are not drawn to scavenge on them, and they should confine pregnant cows and calves and keep them out of wolf recovery areas. Our public lands are not just for livestock, and endangered animals like the Mexican Gray Wolf should take priority. Livestock grazing is a privilege, not a right, and if there is a conflict between non-native livestock and native wildlife, the wildlife should be the ones protected.

Over the past 10 years, as an Arizona resident, I have supported and followed the reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolves in the Blue Range. While it is good news that a number of the wolves are now living in the wild and a new generation has even been born in the wild, I can see a future with even more wolves living in the wild, and with a greater success story to tell. Thank you for your continuing work with and support of the Mexican Gray Wolves. Your efforts to save the wolves are sincerely appreciated by many people.

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Dec 27, 2007

Brian Millsap

Dear Millsap,

I am writing to urge you to step up efforts toward Mexican wolf recovery efforts in the Southwest.

Apparently, 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 endangered animals. They play an important role in restoring balance to Southwest forests. Regretably, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not making significant 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 recovery area. The rules as they stand do not live up to the promise of the Endangered Species Act.

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

Sincerely,

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Calabasas, CA 91302-1358

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Dec 27, 2007

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Sincerely,

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Los Angeles, CA 90018-3540

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Dec 27, 2007

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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.

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Dec 27, 2007

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