

December 27 2007

Brian Millsap, State Administrator —  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office  
2105 Osuna NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Dear Sir:

I am appalled at your laxity and  
the Department of the Fish and  
Wildlife Service, in regard to the  
protection of the endangered Mexican  
gray wolves.

It seems to me that you are more  
concerned with pleasing the ranchers  
of Catron County; especially the  
Adobe/Slash Ranch by dragging  
your feet in investigating the  
missing lobos. Surely your agency  
knows the 'atmosphere' in Catron County  
regarding the 'extinction' of the  
endangered Mexican gray wolf. You  
need to be more watchful of these  
baiting cowboys —

Sincerely,  
Maria Feiler / P.O. # 426  
Hillsboro, NM 88042

To: John Slown (505-346-2542)  
 Subject: Mexican Grey Wolf NEPA Scoping Comments  
 Date: 12/28/07  
 From: Douglas Treadway  
 POB 831  
 Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575

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John;

Per my phone call to you today regarding my comments.  
 I will forward the original to you via snail mail.  
 Any questions, please contact me at 756-2851 (H) or  
 759-3992 (W).

Doug Treadway

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John Slown

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Re: Mexican Grey Wolf NEPA Scoping

My name is Douglas Treadway and I wish to have my comments included in the Mexican Grey Wolf NEPA Scoping Process. I reside in Rio Arriba County near Chama, NM. My mailing address is POB 831, Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575.

I strongly support the reintroduction of the Mexican Grey Wolf in the southwest. However, this recovery program is in shambles! Partly because of the way USFWS has managed the reintroduction efforts, but also due to the attitudes of livestock interests and locals in places like Catron County.

It does not take a genius to realize that certain livestock management practices by some ranchers have invited occasional losses to wolves. Maybe some of these ill-advised practices have been accidental. However, I would be willing to bet my retirement that most of these activities have been intentionally perpetrated to entice wolves into uncompromising situations. When this program was initiated in the late 1990's, I was employed by a federal agency in New Mexico that worked closely with agricultural producers. One of my co-workers who

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lived near Detil and shared the same anti-wolf sentiments of most folks in Catron County, stated 'the locals will do whatever it takes to make this damn wolf program fail'. His words were certainly prophetic.

If this worthy program is to succeed, and I believe it should be given every chance to be successful, the program needs to take a new approach — both administratively and philosophically. Our relationship with nature must be guided by long-sighted principles. When decisions about the land are only governed by self-interests, economics, and political intervention, destruction of the resource base generally follows. Human activities have wrought more damage on the land than wolves and other predators ever could. No one is saying that livestock can not graze on public lands; the reality is more folks want to see wolves restored to our public lands. It makes good ecological sense.

My proposal to enhance the program's future comprises the following twelve recommendations:

- 1) Suspend excessive killing and removal of wolves by federal agents;
- 2) Mandate that ranchers remove all livestock carcasses from public lands;
- 3) Employ an intensive educational program about the positive roles predators play;

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- 4) Enlarge the size of the wolf recovery area to include remote wilderness areas in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado;
- 5) Eliminate the political arbitrary boundary restrictions affecting how far wolves can roam;
- 6) Revoke grazing leases on public lands for any individual(s) responsible for killing, harrassing or baiting wolves;
- 7) Increase the number of personnel who patrol public lands to watch dog would-be poachers and wolf antagonists;
- 8) Enlist the help of qualified and sympathetic individuals to assist with recovery efforts (like any federal agency the USFWS budget is strained);
- 9) Increase the compensation paid to ranchers for any livestock actually lost to wolves;
- 10) Establish collaborative working agreements with large land owners who would support wolves on their properties;
- 11) Punish those individuals who employ vigilante tactics to subvert the intent of the Endangered Species Act program — they are no better than eco-terrorists guilty of arson or destruction of property;
- 12) Assign an individual to direct the wolf recovery program whose commitment, energy, principles and vision are unwavering.

These recommendations will certainly not find favor in all circles, but the program's current direction and leadership are not getting it done. The last word in ignorance is the

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person who denies the worth of something without really knowing anything about it. Despite efforts to preserve the species, the wolf's reputation has been mythically sabotaged by the likes of Little Red Riding Hood, greed and public hysteria. Though it be a slim one, we still have a chance to restore some of our southwestern ecosystems to a healthy balance. That will only happen if the wolf is given the opportunity to reestablish itself as a viable predator to help manage the system. For the sake of the land, it would be a shame to fail.

Respectfully,

Douglas Trudaway  
(505) 756-2851

Grian Millsap  
State Administrator  
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Ecological Services Field Office  
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Albuquerque N.M. 89113

5/29/07  
Dan Kloss  
118 Calle de Simitar  
Simitar NM 89823

Dear Mr. Millsap:

I am a life long resident of N.M. (1931)  
Farmer, Rancher, U.N.M. BS degree, Four yrs U.S. Air  
force navigator

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Sam Kloss

505 835 8114



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**Comments:**

I do not support the wolf program. The cost to rural families and to tax payers has been far too great. I do believe that wolves, like other dogs, can and will attack people. The government has been irrespons. in forcing this danger on rural families.

Name: Sally Turner  
Street: Box 2970

City, State, Zip: Mulvane, KS 67021

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## Comments:

I do NOT BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CAN AFFORD THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THIS PROJECT W. WOLFE REINTRODUCTION". WE AMERICANS HAVE MANY PROJECTS THAT ARE SO MORE IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC IE. HEALTH CARE, POVERTY, EDUCATION, AND ALL KINDS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF THIS PROJECT IS ALLOWED TO PROCEED AND WE LOSE (1) ONE HUMAN LIFE (ADULT OR CHILD), WILL IT HAVE BEEN WORTH IT?

OUR FOLK FATHERS REALIZED THAT HUMANS AND WOLVES DO NOT MIX AND THEY TOOK ACTION TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE, WHICH I BELIEVE WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE THEN AND THE RIGHT CHOICE NOW, (2007)

DO THE RIGHT THING AND CANCEL THE "WOLFE" PROJECT BEFORE WE HAVE A TRAGEDY WE CANNOT REVERSE.

Name: LARRY CARVER  
Street: BOX 2970  
City, State, Zip: MILAN, NM 87021

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Sacramento 70th can come  
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my living making. have a wolf  
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cattle to depredation no, no  
is too much. No introduction of  
wolves here please wolves in  
Our ancestors eradicated Otero County  
wolves and we  
can not afford  
to have them  
here so some

Name: Justin Gonz

Street: box 475

City, State, Zip: Weed

OR 97635

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Our ancestors were successful enough to save for in indicating wolves that a family much less was a threat to their To wait for 3 seasons similar and livelihood \$1500 for one \$4500 for three. The nature of wolves here then.

Name: Carrie James Don  
Street: #14 Wood Rd

City, State, Zip: Wood, NM  
88354

We are ranches are remained the same and was enough to look we are ranches are at what is happening in Western NM to people who make their living and we are ranching.

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*We are fifth generation ranchers 16 + 18 years old. Rancher in The Sacramento Dits. We dont want our livelihood to be lost to wolves. We will soon be operating the family ranch and will have plenty of adversity with out losing core values to wolves*

Name:

*Kyle & Kade Epps*

Street:

*Epps Ranch*

City, State, Zip:

*Wood 70*

*88354*

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Demands from people who have no investment to lose will not dominate the thinking of our County officials. No

involvement for Otter County and the people whose welfare & well being will be affected. Please take your values to the cities of Albuquerque & Phoenix. There will be plenty of pay for them. We

in Otter County

helped educate them years ago and we don't want our tax dollars used to reintroduce them!

Yes we are opposed to any wolf introduction ever!

Name: Jim Gos

Street: # 14 Wood Rd

City, State, Zip: Alb

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Comments: I AM A hivestock Producer in The Sacramento Mountains. I can see Nothing Good To Come Of ANY Expansion of The woie Recovery Area. The woie Propposa HAs Been FAK To Expensive For The Tax payer. The woie Will Kill hivestock And Eventually WAAH. hETS Get Control Of This Situation Before IT MAKES honest Men TURN CRIMINALS,

Name: Bobby S Melton

Street: 763 Russell Gap Rd.

City, State, Zip: Pinon, NM

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origin of Otter  
County where I  
have lived my entire  
life. No wolves  
for Otter County  
of the Sacramento  
Mountains. We  
don't need to hear  
predators howl  
at our expense  
; Tax dollars don't  
belong to the  
Fish & Wild life.

Name: Carrie Deem

Street: 377-Coy Canyon RD  
Cloudcroft

City, State, Zip: New Mex 88311

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I have recently purchased property in Luma, N.M.

I want to bring Alpacas to the area. Their values will exceed your "coverage for losses", due to the wolves' activity, by 1000's of dollars. This would destroy our investment and future financial ability to stay in the area. Please reconsider the actions of wolf reintroduction. What is more important?

Thousands of people.  
People who provide  
for other people!.

Name: Charles Meyer  
Street: 401 N 26<sup>th</sup> St #75

City, State, Zip: Altoona, NM  
88210

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I am a New land owner in Luna, NM. Our plans are to bring our business to the area, that being raising Alpacas.

Our concern is the probability of wolves seeking their satisfaction with our herd.

We would be located within the town of Luna, but are not confident that we would not be threatened by the wolves to abnormal presence and fearless approach of livestock.

Our enterprise would be of some benefit to the area.

~~and doubt~~ We are believing that our losses would overwhelm our profit if this current activity prevails (the wolves').

We would like to be encouraged to proceed with our business plans by the elimination of the restraining ~~of~~ farmers/ranchers ~~to~~ defend their livestock no

matter the size. Our lifestyle is being threatened by their freedom.

I don't believe "they" (the wolves) will be defending our borders or providing economic security to fellow citizens. In fact, the wolves are NOT a necessary part of the current eco-balance.

Please allow us residents to live in the area, pursue our happiness and exist in harmony with our surroundings

Name: Diana Moyers

Street: 401 N. 26th St, #115

City, State, Zip: ARTESIA, NM

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New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office  
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Albuquerque, NM 87113

Dear Sir:

I wish to comment on the Mexican Wolf Recovery program.

I believe that it is most unfortunate for these wolves because of the situation they are being forced into. Having been raised and fed in captivity and then dumped out in the forest is a bad situation for them at least, and downright cruelty at most. Feeding them from trucks, pack animals or helicopter or by what ever means simply complicates an already bad situation, a number of my friends have seen them in the wild and every wolf has wanted to get close to a pickup and even follow, I assume looking for a hand out. They are habituated to humans to the point of their own destruction.

Coming into areas with vehicle traffic they are being run over like skunks, howling deer and others by accident. The fact that they look much like coyotes puts them in harms way during hunting and trapping season and virtually all year round, when unsuspecting hunters shoot at them. By their own nature they are going to stray into areas where they are in mortal danger.

Putting wolves in the wilderness area will never work. Unfortunately, because of over management, the wilderness is a semi sterile environment with little animal life and not enough prey. In traveling the wilderness area, most of it will yield a sighting of an occasional chipmunk or raven, but the abundance of deer and elk. Over vegetation of woody plants has forced the prey base out of most of the wild country where wolves could possibly survive. They have no choice but to migrate into areas where they will interact with humans. That of course means trouble - Both for wolves and humans. ~~The~~ Livestock depredation will be the definite

outcome.

These wolves, having been cared for by humans, are more stupid than actual wild wolves, but even they are smart enough to figure out that a fat cow or calf of the domestic kind is an easy meal, easier than some of the other choices. There will never be a time when livestock kills will not be happening in fairly significant numbers. It is not an acquired taste, it is an easier meal.

From the beginning of the wolf recovery program there was a false premise; that of significant prey base in the original release area. I have 50 years of experience in the area on the New Mexico side of the original release area. 50 years ago deer were abundant. Herds of 30 animals were not uncommon. Driving across mesas near there at night was a sight to behold with numbers of 50 or more animals out feeding. By the time the wolves were released, there were no where ~~near~~ those numbers any more. You would be lucky

to see any deer while crossing the same area at night. Being an avid hunter, I can tell you hunting success rates may be single digit% of what they were 50 years ago. There are already too many predators in the recovery areas. The deer herd has been reduced to the point that recovering to historic numbers is doubtful if not impossible. Part of that is over hunting, but regardless of the reason, that is where we are and another predator will only insure further demise of the deer herd. USF&W seems to be on a course of single species management without regard for others and this has never been beneficial to the area and never will.

Because of the wolf situation the economy of the area has suffered greatly and will continue to do so. The idea that great numbers of people will visit these areas to see or hear wolves has not proven to be the case and I believe will never be the case. To suppose that these visitors will take the place of the losses to hunting and livestock grazing is

pure fantasy. For Brent county the grazing industry is a major factor in the health of the county. For Catron County, Grazing is the number one industry. Damage being done to these ranches cannot be calculated but it is immense. For every animal confirmed killed by wolves there could be as many as 20 or more that can't be confirmed. Who will replace that loss of income to those businesses and eventually to the county? Eventually hunting will diminish to a non factor in the economics of the affected counties. That is more hardship for all the residents. It represents untold number of dollars to all involved. This does not even address the problem of wear and tear on humans and equipment to deal with the problems of wolves invading people's lives. Many more hard earned dollars being spent on hours of checking on animals trying to keep them safe. Many hours of non productive time on horse back, vehicle or on foot, which could be spent on positive projects. Many lost hours of sleep and stressful days trying to understand



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how to overcome the losses being heaped on normally tranquil activities. The cost to human health is incalculable but it is great.

Putting decent hard working people in a situation whereby they may encounter a wolf attack on a beloved pet is probably one of the cruellest flaws of the program. To choose between shooting a wolf and facing large fines and jail time, or watching a pet be maimed or killed is unacceptable. Many regard beloved pets as much as friends and relatives. There will be more pets killed and there will be more people against the program if this is not remedied.

Protecting pets whether dogs, cats, horses or a pet pig or goat is extremely important but of more importance are people. There will be human attacks by wolves. It is inevitable. Wolves are very habituated to humans because of the practices being employed. Human raised, Human fed in the wild. Wolves are drawn to human occupied areas and recognize humans

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as well as their sounds and smells and come to them for food and probably comfort. Whether that food is a cow or calf or poodle or barn cat or a road kill elk thrown out of a pick up, they are drawn to it. There is no way to stop that without a change.

As you know, the program is in somewhat of a chaotic state with all the controversy and problems controlling the wolves. They will never be totally controlled but changes could be made to alleviate some of the problems and I will list a few of the most important:

- ① problem wolves must be removed more quickly to prevent a lethal take. It is not fair to the people being affected, and it is not fair to the wolf who is just being a wolf.
- ② allow pet owners or protectors to defend their animals by what ever means possible. use non lethal means if possible but have the option of a lethal take if necessary, without punishment.
- ③ Implement a more fair system to pay for livestock losses. Its obvious to

everyone that livestock owners are suffering a tremendous loss, much more than they are compensated for. It is possible to give a much better estimate of loss if some one really wanted to do it. Ranchers would not be against the program nearly as much if they were being treated fairly. The program would have a much better chance of acceptance if business were not asked to donate so much of their property through depredations.

④ closely monitor Game populations in a fair and truthful manner. If predictions are correct and the number of wolves reach the maximum number, the elk population will go the way of the deer and the program will fail.

⑤ The most important of all and this is part of what I listed as number ①. Do not allow continual human wolf contact. Do not feed wolves. Remove wolves that hang around or follow people. React more quickly to these close encounters

and train wolves that people are harmful to them. Create a special harassment team to find these wolves and punish them. Rubber bullets, paint balls or something must be used to make these animals truly wild. Human interaction will eventually kill this program.

And God help you the day one of your wolves kill a child.

Respectfully Submitted:

ROBERT E MCKEEN

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## Comments:

I THINK THAT I'M JUST A REGULAR GUY, RETIRED & LOOKING TO HAVE MANY GOOD HUNTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. BUT YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT AWAY, MY HUNTING LICENSE & PAYS SALESIES & MANY THINGS FOR THE DEPT, OF GAME & FISH, THAT HAS A BOUND DUTY TO PROMOTE GOOD HUNTING & FISHING FOR THE PUBLIC. YOU ARREST & FINE PEOPLE THAT BREAK OUR LAWS OF HUNTING: (GOOD), BUT ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOLF PROGRAM, YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO, OR WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST FOR THE HUNTING PUBLIC. THAT IS VERY POOR. YOU EVEN KIND OF BREAK THE LAW & KILL ELK, 200 MLS. SOUTH OF GALLUP, TO FEED WOLVES BY A RANCH, SO THEY (WOLVES) WON'T KILL THE RANCHERS YEARLINGS CALFS. FOUR PICKUPS & MEN, GAME DEPT. MEN, WASTING MONEY ON WOLFS, WOLVES WERE WIPE OUT YEARS <sup>AGO</sup> BY YOU & RANCHERS, SO THAT PEOPLE COULD RANCH.

NOW YOU START BRINGING THEM BACK? OH! JUST IN THE FOREST. YOU KNOW THEY WONT STAY THERE & THEY WILL KILL ALL THE DEER & ELK. NO MORE HUNTING FOR JOHN Q, PUBLIC, BUT YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST FOR ME. LIKE A POLITICIAN YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT. ME = NO VOTE

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THE RELEASE OF ANY LARGE PREDATOR INTO THE ENVIRONMENT OF HUMANS AND THEIR DOMESTIC PETS AND LIVESTOCK IS CONTRARY TO THE CUSTOM, CULTURE, COMMON LAW AND GOOD SENCOS

TO MAKE IT AGAINST "THE LAW" FOR PRIVATE CITIZENS TO DEFEND OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY IS NOT ONLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL (FEDERAL AND STATE) IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE ENDANGERMENT TO OUR CHILDREN ELDERLY, DISABLED AMERICANS ~~AND~~ AND OUR DOMESTIC

PETS AND LIVESTOCK BUT PROVES THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS USING THESE ISSUES TO ESTABLISH ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, CONTRARY TO OUR BILL OF RIGHTS ONLY "STRICT LIABILITY" OF THE AGENCY/AGENTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS IS ACCEPTABLE IN OUR NATION THAT

IS OPERATED CONSTITUTIONALLY BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE, WILD WOLF

PACKS IN A PROPERLY FENCED WILDERNESS AREA, WITHOUT HUMAN HABITATION AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS IS THE ONLY SAFE AND HUMANE METHOD OF INSURING THE SURVIVAL OF THIS SPECIES. SPEND THE MONEY, DO IT RIGHT

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1<sup>ST</sup> Please remove the "Experimental - non essential" classification for the wolves & put their classification, where it truly belongs "endangered species".

2<sup>ND</sup> Please remove the artificial boundary, which is now being placed upon the wolf. These wolves should roam as any wild animal without the restrictions of artificial boundaries which they the wolves can never comprehend.

3<sup>RD</sup> Stop the "governmental" killing & capturing of all wolves. A species which is on the edge of extinction is now being shot from the ground & the air by the government & maimed & injured in traps in "control" efforts. This was home to the wolves long before cows or Anglo people. Please show some respect & don't trap or kill anymore

4<sup>TH</sup> More reintroductions should take place to augment the existing wolf populations. Potential Inbreeding & family-pack loss is devastating the wolves lives. Releasing enough wolves to ensure genetically independent wolves & family life that lives should be followed. Terry Johnson told me there were "litterly hundreds of wolves" within the recovery area - naturally. 200 wolves should be achieved in 2008-2009. This would show a sincere approach for the USFWS to really try to succeed in this reintroduction, thus far I am not convinced of ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~usfws~~ <sup>usfws</sup>

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John Slown

Clearly the Wolf Recovery Program isn't working, either for the wolf or for residents in the recovery area. The Wolf Team spends an inordinate amount of time responding to incidents with "nuisance wolves". I propose the following changes in the wolf program.

- Expand the non-essential population area to include the entire state of Arizona and New Mexico. This will provide management flexibility to FWS to respond to conflicts between wolves and humans.
- Remove the requirement that FWS remove wolves that have established home ranges outside the recovery area. This will allow wolves that are not creating conflicts to remain.
- Expand the recovery area to include additional public lands (National Forests - Sitgreaves, Tonto, Prescott, Coconino, Kaibab, Cibola and possibly the ~~Lincoln~~) (Appropriate BLM, FWS refuges, National Parks - Grand Canyon for instance, and state lands to link forests) (include White Sands as part of recovery area) and large tracts of private and tribal lands where land owners agree.
- Allow initial release of wolves to occur anywhere within the recovery area. FWS personnel can be expected to choose the locations that would provide the best opportunity for wolves while minimizing likelihood of conflict with recovery area residents.
- Provide incentives to public lands permittees and residents within the recovery area to change livestock management and lifestyle to minimize conflicts with wolves.
- Change the reimbursement program to focus more on those cases where a wolf pack is making significant inroads

in a local area (1-2 permittees) rather than paying for the occasional loss. Consider a threshold of loss that would trigger a higher level of reimbursement.

- Provide more tools for residents within the recovery area to use to dissuade wolves from "hanging around" private land, hunters camps, and livestock concentrations. This should include use of potentially harmful methods on private land - i.e. rocks, paintballs, rubber bullets, striking with whips or sticks. Wolves are pretty smart, they will learn to avoid areas where they are not wanted.

- Allow lethal take by private landowners on private land when wolves are chasing or attacking any domestic animal - pets, poultry, livestock. This may cause some loss of wolves but it is likely that remaining animals will avoid private land and humans.

- Allow FWS to permit residents in recovery area additional actions at FWS discretion.

- Change threshold for permanent removal of wolves from the wild. Consider "raising the bar" for permanent removal concurrent with "lowering the bar" for reimbursement of livestock operators.

- Continue to allow FWS the discretion to decide whether livestock carcasses require removal. Do not further burden public land livestock grazing permittees with unrealistic and unnecessary requirements.

- Regarding the Center for Biodiversity petition items: Permittees should be encouraged (through positive incentive program) to gradually change from year-round calving to spring calving. In those

rare situations when a permittee's private land and/or allotment provide an opportunity, permittees should be encouraged to calve in a relatively confined situation. This opportunity is limited due to the need to provide rest and recovery for pastures used for spring calving ~~and~~ and to avoid repeated use of a pasture at the same time every year. It is also not feasible for most ranchers to convert from year round use of public lands to seasonal use only because they lack sufficient private lands as capital to lease private lands sufficient to graze livestock for the part of the year they would need to be off public lands.

- Improve public contact & justification of wolf activity

I suggest that with the success of the capture breeding program, it would be better to sacrifice a few released wolves through broadening the permission for private landowners to take wolves with the expectation that wolves remaining in the population will learn to avoid mankind and become ~~the~~ as elusive as coyotes are now. I suggest that expanding both the experimental non-essential population area and the recovery area and allowing release of wolves anywhere within the recovery area will provide a better chance of establishing a viable population. Support for the wolf recovery program by those who reside within the recovery area will be improved through a combination of education, improved communication and empowerment to protect domestic livestock -

Thank-you for the opportunity

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## Comments:

AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN  
OF THE SOUTHWEST, I  
OPPOSE THE REINTRODUCTION  
OF THE GREY WOLF INTO  
THE SOUTHWEST ECOSYSTEM  
~~AS~~ I DON'T FEEL THAT THE  
WOLF BELONGS ~~IN~~ BACK  
ON LAND THAT WILL DETRIMENT  
LIVESTOCK + WILDLIFE ALSO  
I FEEL THAT THE WOLF WILL  
POSE A THREAT TO RECREATIONAL  
ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS,  
THE RANCHING INDUSTRY HAS  
ALREADY BE HIT HARD BY THE  
ENVIRONMENTALIST + US FOREST  
SERVICE, CUTTING BACK ON  
ANIMAL UNITS PER ACRE ON  
PUBLIC GRUZZING LEASES,  
THE WOLF WILL ONLY ADD  
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## Comments:

1. End S.O.P. 13
2. Please don't kill such beautiful animals
3. Get the F. B. I. involved in catching poachers.
4. Thank you for getting involved.

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2105 Osuna NE  
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Dear Sirs:

Most of the people and environmentalists that want the wolf to be released in our area, do not live around here.

We encountered a gentleman in Albuquerque, who was from Denmark, that was promoting the release of in New Mexico. When asked why he didn't promote the release of wolves in his native country, he said "his country wasn't wolf habitat, but he was sure pushing the release in to our habitat."

The wolf management is less than honest, and costs way over what the government agencies say it costs. We are paying taxes to the government, so they can waste our tax money on programs like this, to help put us out of business.

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Karen Farr

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I think the whole program should be done away with, especially since the agencies can't prove they are pure Mexican wolves.

How come the Indian tribes can tell the government they changed their minds about having the wolves in their country & the government removes the wolves, yet we can't do a thing about it. The government just runs them down over their throats anyway. We don't want the wolf on our country.

Sincerely,

Karen Farr  
PO Box 1000  
Datil, NM 87821

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## Comments:

I am totally  
Opposed to the  
Wolf Reintroduction  
into the  
Sacramento Mountains  
And all of New  
Mexico.

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To: Brian Millsap

fr: Ernest R Torres

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Fish and Wildlife Service,  
New Mexico Ecological Services  
Field Office, 2105 Osuna NE,  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

RE: Comments regarding identification of direct, indirect  
and adverse effects that might be caused by  
amendment of the 1998 NEP final rule that  
established the current NEP of Mexican gray wolf.

Dear Sirs:

I am commenting on the disproportionately high and adverse  
impacts on minority and low income populations which would follow  
expansion of the wolf population and its boundaries. I am concerned  
with the protocol for compensation to livestock producers in western New Mexico and  
eastern Arizona. Clearly, compensation for losses is neither timely or fair.  
As boundaries for the wolf expand and surround communities and villages  
eastward, the losses to the aforementioned populations will be oppressive.  
The wolf program is not at the level of sophistication where a proper  
equitable compensatory attitude exists within the camp of wolf supporters.  
In a setting where numerous small operators/growers rely on monthly or quarterly  
harvest of livestock for food, wolf predation creates hardship especially  
during winter months and specifically for widows and/or retirees living  
on fixed incomes.

Rural communities and villages continue to demonstrate the survivability  
of the extended family structure within land based ~~economies~~ <sup>economies</sup>. A part  
of that structure is the Matanza (slaughter event). The frequency and  
scale of various Matanzas during the year depend on numerous  
family and/or religious celebrations or gatherings. This cultural  
behavior will continue and eventually collide with the wolf program.

There will be those who suffer incarceration as a result of  
shooting wolves, there will be those who shoot wolves and  
do not get caught. Either way, wolves will be caught in a bind  
between rural New Mexicans and a Federal program with  
no institutional memory for problem solving of this nature.  
Unintended consequences of the wolf program and its shortcomings

"mighty hand of federal law. No doubt, the federal government already has clearly demonstrated how to suppress property rights. Additionally, the wolf program does not reflect positively within the context of the endangered species act and without successful implementation, inhibits the credibility of the endangered species act.

Finally, the wolf program is in need of critical input from all facets of the rural areas within the proposed boundaries. How will that input occur? Those who would eliminate the wolf are protecting their capability to survive by protecting a culture.

Sincerely

Ernest R. Torrez

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## Comments:

Compensation Payments  
should include ALL LOSSES  
to domestic animals, including  
ALL DOGS that are injured  
or killed by Wolves.

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## Comments:

Don't expand wolf program. Too much money has been spent on something that doesn't succeed. People should be allowed to shoot to defend or protect.

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Comments: I don't want  
the wolf program  
expanded. The mesh  
weaving has already  
been spent on it and  
it hasn't been successful.  
Landowners should be  
allowed to shoot wolves  
in defense of protection  
of their own property.

Thank you.

Name: Kelly Hubbard

Street: 163 Russell Gap Rd

City, State, Zip: Princeton, NH 03344

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add a stamp.

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## Comments:

All I can say for comments Mexican about all the wolfs around this earth is that they are very majestic creatures on this world, and

the only reason they're violent is because it's in their nature. I just hope they do not become extinct because ~~that's~~ it's not their fault.

JOANNE G. PARRINELLO

Name: THOMAS A. PARRINELLO

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Dear Mr. Millsap,

I would like for you to consider the following comments regarding the proposed amendment of the rule establishing a Non Essential Experimental Population of the Arizona and New Mexico Population of the Mexican Gray Wolf.

- ① Current boundaries need to be left as they are. The U.S. Fish + Wildlife Service need to demonstrate the ability to deal with problems created by Wolf Reintroduction in the current boundaries before expanding those boundaries.
- ② The practice of feeding wolves should be stopped. This only leads to more habituated wolves.
- ③ Wolves ~~should~~ should be removed immediately after their first livestock depredation. It has already been shown that once a wolf kills livestock it will continue to do so.
- ④ Carcass removal by livestock operators on public land should not be required. Public and private land in many parts of the Wolf Recovery Area are mingled. The U.S. Fish + Wildlife cannot make the same

requirements of private land operators. Therefore there is no benefit in keeping wolves from scavenging dead carcasses on public land. Further imagine the task of digging a hole deep enough to cover a 1000 pound animal in an area where topsoil may be less than a foot deep. If the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service believes carcass removal would benefit the Wolf Recovery Program then they should provide the labor and financial resources for carcass removal not the livestock operator.

⑤. Livestock operators need to be compensated for all wolf kills. For this to happen current methods of determining a wolf kill must be changed. In other wolf recovery areas in the United States missing calves are counted as confirmed or probable kills as long as there is wolf scat with calf hair in it nearby. That should also be ~~the~~ one of the standards for determining a wolf kill in New Mexico and Arizona.

Sincerely, David M. Cawley

David McCauley  
P.O. Box 934  
Hurley, N.M. \_\_\_\_\_  
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State Administrator U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, New Mexico  
Ecological Services Field Office, 2105  
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Brian Millsap  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing as someone who has worked for the reintroduction and recovery of the Mexican wolf for 20 years or so. I find the present system of limiting their territory and the continual harassment and killing deeply troubling.

It is time for Fish and Wildlife to start following their own science. The lobo is an endangered species on public land and should be treated as such - it is time to stop bowing to the commercial interests of a privileged few (public lands ranchers), and give the wolf a real chance.

First off - wolves should be allowed to go where they will - expand their territory and make sure they are protected. Release more wolves in a wider area, especially in the Gila Wilderness, Aldo Leopold, Apache Kid, etc.

Stop the constant harassing and killing of wolves - your own science shows that wild-raised wolves have better survival rates and skills, so stop rounding up offending wolves, at least until a viable population is established.

Ranchers should be reimbursed for livestock taken but should be required to remove or render inedible dead stock.

It seems F&W keeps this program in a state of flux, redesigning it as if they want it to fail. Allow the Lobos to regain a stable population, then remove trouble-makers. It is no wonder the number of Mexican Gray Wolves in the wild remains so low, between relearning the ways of survival, a dedicated few determined to kill them illegally, and a Federal program designed to restrict and harass them endlessly.

Bring back the Lobo!

Thanks,

Brian Cobble

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## Comments:

NO WOLF S!

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## Comments:

The most urgent obstacle to Mexican Gray Wolf recovery is the ongoing conflict with people who use the same areas. I think grazing allotments in the areas of most conflict need to be revised. I think wolves should be introduced into the White Sands Missile Range -- experimentally -- since it inherently is an area of minimal human involvement. Let the wolves figure out whether they can survive there. Could even help them kill coyotes. I agree with Defenders of Wildlife that restrictions on wolf dispersal from their Recovery Area need to be relaxed.

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## Comments:

WE NEED TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK. CONSIDER ENLARGING THE RANGE TO GIVE WOLVES MORESPACE, RECONSIDER THE NUMBER OF LIVESOCK KILLS BEFORE WOLVES ARE KILLED.

CONSIDER DECREASING THE GRAZING AREAS IN WILDERNESS AREAS, WHEN DID CATTLE BECOME PART OF THE WILDERNESS?

SHORT TERM, IF YOU HAVE HARD STATISTICS ON CATTLE PREDATION, PERHAPS DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE WOULD CONSIDER PREPAYING RANGERS FOR LOSS EACH YEAR.

LONG TERM RANGERS NEED TO RETHINK 19TH CENTURY PRACTICES AND STOP BLAMING WOLVES FOR THEIR INABILITY TO MAKE A LIVING. MAYBE THEY SHOULD CONSIDER RAISING BUFFALO BOTH FOR MEAT AND HUNTS.

ANOTHER IDEA IF SOME BELIEVES THEIR B.S. STORIES ABOUT WOLVES ON THEIR

FRONT RANGERS IS WOLF WATCHING TOURS. IT IS A \$16 MILLION A YEAR BUSINESS IN YELLOWSTONE.

BOTTOM LINE---

WE WANT OUR WOLVES.

Name: BILL BROWN

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## Comments:

A concern which does not appear to be addressed in the damage to riparian habitat and trout growth in the Rio Grande corridor used by, in the basin in both the primary + secondary recovery zones and other government owned ranges.

If the Municipal, paying fee was raised to even slightly below the cost of returning private lands to the money collected for compensation to the ranchers for any known depredation and provide ridges (formerly known as cowboys) to protect cattle on public lands.

Also, I believe a clear statement about wolf behavior and the likelihood of wolves to harassing children to

and from school should be published and the wild stories denied. As the Nicerly I was dismayed to hear a biologist spreading the stories. He also stated the recovery area was saturated even though the only available count was 59 wolves. Those lips are not helpful.

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## Comments:

The wolf reintroduction program to date has been horrendous! You must pay more attention to the broad populous and less to the reactionary Colton County folks. Tell them how it is going to be, for a change.

1) Include a conservation alternative - classify "experimental, essential" or endangered.

2) Eliminate restrictions on dispersals and movements.

3) Expand the area for initial releases.

4) Reduce livestock-wolf conflicts by requiring ranchers to take a hand in this, rather than carcasses inedible.

5) Reinvigorate the Recovery Plan.

It is past time to make this program viable and ecologically sound. You must do it - Now. W.A. has the opportunity

Name: Greg Henry

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## Comments:

Include a "Conservation Alternative" that will change the classification from "experimental, non-essential" to "experimental, essential" or "endangered" to give wolves more protection. They are NOT being recovered under the existing classification.

Allow wolves to expand their territory. Eliminate all restrictions to wolf dispersed and movements.

Expand the area for initial releases within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area.

Resolve livestock-wolf conflicts in ways that keep wolves in the wild and achieve progress towards reintroduction objectives.

Stop killing and removing wolves: reduce "take".

Revise the Recovery Plan. It is out of date.

Expand the number of wolves in the wild population.

Keep future recovery options open.

Steve Topolki and

Name: Jean Newcomb

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## Comments:

I am testally against expanding wolf area.

### Reasons:

- \* Ranchers cannot afford another strike against profits. Wolf's do kill livestock. If a wolf has a choice between a fast elk, antelope, etc or a slow cow - which do you think it would choose?
- \* Wolf's kill pets. Again pets are just prey to wild animals.
- \* Wolf's do not stay in a designated area. It's a huge waste of DOW's resources to relocate ~~stays~~.
- \* wolf population does not need expanded.
- \* Dangerous to campers.

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## Comments:

Is a property owner  
in Otero county 2 am  
100% opposite the Re-m-700  
of any other predator  
animal. There is  
no need for this wolf,  
or will it serve any useful  
purpose in my community,  
other than limit my  
ability to utilize what will  
be considered wolf habitat.  
not to mention the cost  
to the taxpayer like  
myself to maintain  
& police this Re-introduction.  
While it will benefit  
police agencies, it will  
Remove more of money,  
my families, and friends -  
wrights and transfer them  
to the wolf.

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Street: 25 Sol Del Oriente

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New Mex. 88310

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Comments: I think it is a bad idea to introduce gray wolves into this area. They are detrimental to cattle herds, & wildlife herds. Before introducing wolves we should address the predator problem that already exists here. Mountain lions are a growing problem in this area. I feel that it would be adding insult to the growing predator problem that already exists here.

Name: Michael Brazel  
Street: P.O. Box 561  
  
City, State, Zip: Capitan NM  
88316

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To: Brian Millsap, State Administrator  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
From: Martha & Ivan Hall <sup>905 Mason Dr.</sup> Roswell N.M. 88201  
Citizens; Charles & Otoro Counties, N.M. - USA.  
Re: Mexican GRAY WOLF NEPA SCOPING

On behalf of our extended family (25 individuals) who travel from all over Southern New Mexico as well as Texas, Tennessee and N.Y.N.Y. To enjoy the Gila Wilderness & environs, we lend our collective support to the Mexican wolf recovery effort.

We have hiked and camped the Gila Wilderness for the past four decades. We, like many recreational users, have strived to leave the Gila better than we found it by practicing good stewardship for this rugged unique resource.

Some of us will likely pass on having never seen or even heard a wolf in America's first wilderness. We feel strongly that this vast public area can sustain some of the original animal habitat without critical damage to the ranching industry on adjacent private holdings.

It is our collective opinion that the tabloid radical groups opposed to the protection of public interest have had considerable input and influence on the past failures of this public service restoration program. Consideration of the needs of the relatively silent majority of taxpaying citizens is long overdue.

Sincerely,  
Martha & Ivan Hall

P.S. <sup>and</sup> On behalf of Catron County's <sup>wandering</sup> Cows (C.C.C) eat more chicken  
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## Comments:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I LIVE 2 MILES NORTH OF THE "WILD SPIRIT" WOLF SANCTUARY. - THOUGH I SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ONE DEAR ALPACA ("ELVIS") AND ONE OF MY HORSES ("XLUDDIN'S GRAND-SON "FIRE-DANCER" PUREBRED ARABIAN) WAS INJURED FOR LIFE, DO TO 4 ESCAPED HYBRIDS FROM THE SANCTUARY A COUPLE YEARS AGO, - I DO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HYBRIDS AND WILD WOLVES -

I SUPPORT THE ONGOING EFFORT TO PROTECT AND IMPLEMENT THE CUBAN BEAUT REINTRODUCTION PROCESS OF THE MEXICAN GREY AS OTHER SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES. YES, HUMANS NEED TO LEARN TO SHARE THE PLANET WITH THE OTHER SPECIES, INCLUDING PREDATORS, IN ORDER TO INSURE A BALANCE IN THE WILD, AND THE HEALING OF THE PLANET ITSELF. - ALONG THESE LINES, I DO BELIEVE ALSO THAT ALL FORMS OF LIFE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES (THE LAW OF PRESERVATION IS A NATURAL TREND) IN THE OCCURRING OF AGGRESSIONS FROM THE SIDE OF OTHER COMPETITIVE BEINGS. - HENCE, AS I AM THE PROVIDER AND PROVIDER OF MY ANIMALS AT MY PLACE, I WILL DO THIS, AND ADDRESS MY CONCERNS TO YOU ABOUT MAKING NO DIFFERENCE RATHER IT IS A HORSE OR A PET-DOG I NEED TO DO SO FOR. -

THAT IMPLIES THAT I WILL NOT SHOOT WITHOUT A REAL THREAT OCCURRING TO MYSELF OR ANY OF MY ANIMALS (THEY ARE MY FAMILY AFTER ALL). - I LIKE AND UNDERSTAND WOLVES: I MYSELF HOSTED TWO FEMALES (AN ARCTIC AND A TIMBER-GRAY) AT MY PLACE. - "WHITE SATIN" AND "CLAUDIA WERE RESCUED BY THE SANCTUARY AND HANDED OVER TO MY RANCH SINCE I HAD JUST COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL - IMAGE ENCLOSURES FOR MY SLED-DOGS. -

THE TWO VERY INTELLIGENT AND LIVING SHE-WOLVES STAYED WITH ME FOR YEARS, UNTIL NATURAL DEATH CAME UPON THEM FOR OLD AGE. - I AM STILL MISSING THEIR SUBTLE COMMUNICATION SKILLS/CAPABILITY, THEIR LOYALTY AND ABSOLUTE AFFECTION SINCERELY,



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Street: HC 61-Box 32

"TALAHOGAN ARABIAN RANCH"

City, State, Zip: RAMATH, NM

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## Comments:

1. We do not need more wolves. The wolves reintroduced in Louisiana or Arizona.

2. The current reintroduction program has not been successfully managed.

3. It appears to us the program is not successful. Funded and is under staffed to be properly managed.

4. Where is the extra funding and manpower coming from?

5. What is the wolf program currently doing to the big game population?

6. Please have all the personnel involved study the results of the Russian wolf program. The behavior + control of wolves. Very enlightening reading.

7. Before a decision is made to increase the area of wolf reintroduction there should be public meetings held in every area that will be affected.

8. A public vote of the property owners (only) in affected areas should determine yes or no to the reintroduction of wolves.

9. Please explain any benefit to the environment that will occur by the reintroduction of wolves to this area.

10. Wolves raised in captivity are no longer wild wolves. They are accustomed to humans and therefore cannot be expected to behave in the same manner as true wild wolves behave.

11. In my opinion this whole program is a complete failure and should be stopped now. This is no longer the wild country that is needed for wolves to inhabit. There are too many humans in this area and contact is unavoidable.

12. The way the wolf program is managed by the property owners have no say in the program. Therefore, how do you expect us to approve or support the program?

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Comments:

12/10/07

I OPPOSE EXPANDING the Mexican wolf re introduction area

IT HAS NOT BEEN SHOWN THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS IMPAIRED WITH WOLVES

THE COST TO CARE HAS BEEN EXHIBITED FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT

THE PROGRAM HAS NOT GIVEN PROPER CONSIDERATION TO THE SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREAS WHERE WOLVES HAVE BEEN REINTRODUCED

IN MY OPINION THE ENTIRE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A MATTER OF TAMPERING TO EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE A CERTAIN LIKE FASCINATION TO WOLVES, BUT DO NOT

WANT TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE WOLVES

WOLVES DO NOT HAVE RIGHT EQUAL TO HUMANS AND CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HARM PEOPLE.

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Comments: 1 Put an end to removing wolves.

2 Update the recovery plan

3 Allow them to go where they please - Boundaries

4 Have livestock owners use good husbandry

5 Improve wolf education in impacted areas.

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## Comments:

- (1) Clarify boundary requirements, open boundaries to wolf dispersal
- Reduce the recapture and removal of wolves because they cross a boundary
- (2) allow wolf release anywhere in Elv range wolf recovery area.
- (3) identify SRP 13. Reduce the "take".
- (4) Revise the recovery plan.
- (5) Reconstitute the recovery team.
- (6) Do not limit future options.
- (7) Change classification to essential.
- (8) Do not allow protection for areas. This would enable wolf hunters a license to kill by taking a dog.

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## Comments:

Dear Mr. Slown,

I do not know what sort of pressure you folks are under to kill off the wolves and thus make the Mexican Gray Wolf extinct. But I can tell you that most of the 30,000 people in Grant County New Mexico favor the wolf re-intro effort.

1. Please do not kill the wolves.
2. Please follow the scientists recommendations as to their re-intro.
3. Please, for once, listen to the Majority rather than the 50 ranchers who oppose their existence.
4. And understand that Catron County New Mexico is where the "Sagebrush Rebellion" began. The County Commission there is an epicenter of crackpot radicalism. They go so far as to needlessly scare young children that the wolves might eat them. The kids are terrified, and that amounts to child abuse.

Thank You,

Thomas J Cobb

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## Comments:

Reintroduction and continued reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolf comes at the expense of live stock producers.

The Wolf reintroduction along with the many other "Endangered Species Acts" actions has greatly cost farmers and Ranchers, and in some cases putting them out of business

Many people think they are in favor of wolf reintroduction plans, but probably would not be if they could see the long term ramifications of these actions. This comes as higher cost to Consumers. Hollywood, Walt Disney, and other "Great Outdoor and Wildlife" hyped productions has surely blinded peoples' better judgment. Lets live in a real world. We cant go back a hundred years or more and keep feeding and caring for a hungry, growing population.

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## Comments:

- 1 Voluntary grazing allotment retirement in Wilderness Areas.
- 2 Allow wolves to set up territory outside BRWA.
- 3 Make livestock owners remove carcasses from the Forest.
- 4 More fact based wolf education in the BRWA.

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Comments: There were reasons why our government once paid for the extermination of wolves within our borders.

Wolves prey upon livestock--especially the young--because they are easy to bring down.

Wolves will not stay within their 'prescribed' areas.

They will prey on family pets, domestic fowl and any vulnerable animals, and endanger small children.

They will be harmful to our economy, particularly to ranchers, who are already struggling.

Trying to manage them will drain the time and resources of the DOW.

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## Comments:

Far too much federal tax money + time have been wasted on this program. It should be terminated, not expanded. Wildlife biologists say each wolf eats one elk every two weeks, and twice that many in summer during calving season. That adds up to 30-35 elk / wolf / yr. Is it worth that? I think not. End this boon doggle, now.

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## Comments:

I am very much against introducing any more wolves anywhere. Stock producers already have more than enough to contend with, (high fuel prices, weather, high feed prices etc.) The loss of only a few cattle on top of every thing else can be devastating. We need to encourage those trying to produce food for a starving world, Not put another obstacle in their path.

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## Comments:

Protest protest protest  
Why would the U.S. Government support the wolf program?? What good do wolves do for the voters?? What is the purpose besides a few very high paying jobs that it provides??

They will kill a few people & put the ranchers out of business \* Then your grand children will be eating wolf steaks & w off stew, is this what you government people have in store for us??

When they finish off all the cattle they will work on killing the deer Elk & turkey.

Yes I protest this uncalled for wolf release program I for one do

Not relish the thought of wolf meat Nor the hefty fine & prison term for killing one

Then what will you & yours have for supper?? ~~Per~~ Perhaps, fence post soup?? See you at the rally

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Name: Dick White

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## Comments:

Please see enclosed letter

Thank you,

Marinel J. Peppie DVM

Please send me updates on the scoping process.

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