



State of New Mexico
County of Otero

December 3, 2007

Re: Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction

To whom it may concern at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

The Board of Commissioners objects to the release of the Mexican Gray Wolf in Otero County.

We enacted Ordinance 07-06 on October 18, 2007 prohibiting the import or release into the wild of this species and others into Otero County.

As you are aware Otero County has invested significant County time effort and resources toward research, planning, and study to define and determine the impacts of various land use actions on the resources, custom, culture, history and socio economic environment in our County.

That work has demonstrated that the release of these species into our physical environment will have a negative impact on the livestock, recreation and tourism industries and the economy due to the loss of livestock and domestic animals and threats to human safety.

Accordingly, we register our initial opposition to any proposal that would release or introduce these species. Additionally, the above referenced ordinance requires consistent with applicable Federal Statutes that we be included at the earliest stage in any planning, scoping or other effort designed to study or assess such a release.

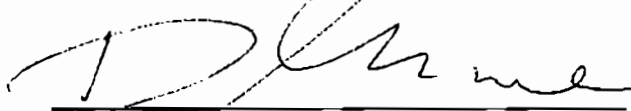
We do not believe the entire proposed reintroduction areas were at any time wolf habitat. Secondly we do not believe you have done due diligence here to propose areas within land masses which are not conducive to this species specifically within municipalities as well as other sensitive military areas where the wolf population might be detrimental to the security of our nation as well as its threatening ongoing missions by the armed force in Otero County.

The map that we have been provided demonstrates that you are proposing areas in the State and certainly in Otero County that contain significant concentrations of population for release of the wolf. Certainly the experience we have gained in

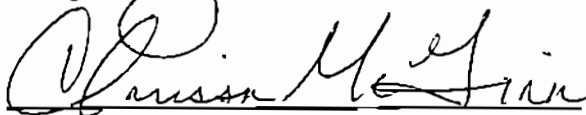
the Western Counties of the State demonstrate that there are too many conflicts and too much danger when this species is released in close proximity to population centers.

Finally, you should include representatives of the County, including but not limited to our scientific consultants on the interdisciplinary team to provide you with the results of our efforts to insure consistency in any planning or study you are undertaking.

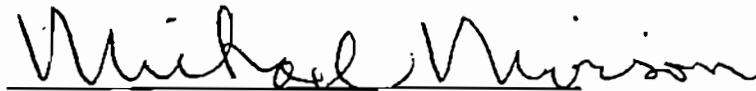
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



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Comments:

This program violates a Smokey County Ordinance already in place.

Name: Hick Simpson
Street: Box 90

City, State, Zip: Elmore
A.M. 88324

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Comments:

I have lived and owned rangeland in Chabaco, New Mexico. I have degrees in Range Management, Forestry, and Wildlife Mgmt. from Utah State University as well as several minor degrees in the plant and animal sciences. I also did some work toward a Masters degree at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. My career was as an Area Range Conservationist in all areas of New Mexico and later as Area Range Conservationist for the USDT, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Dept. in Albuquerque, NM. Serving 9 BIA Agency offices and 24 tribes in the Four Corners States. I Retired in 1994 with 30 years Federal Service.

I am sternly opposed to the planned reintroduction of wolves in New Mexico.

These are not the native wolves of the past, but "zoo-animals" totally un-equipped to survive in the wild of Arizona or New Mexico. These zoo-wolves will consume easy prey (livestock) as the major portion of their diet! Ranchers will shoot them down as a threat to their already marginal existence and fight fully so. This re-introduction of wolves is a deliberate attempt by the well-funded pseudo-environmentalists of our larger population centers to further break our ranchers and drive them from their lands. It is, in my humble opinion, strictly insane to do this to the good rancher people who live close to and in harmony with the earth and nature. Livestock grazing is the highest possible use for our private and public rangelands. This is why the wolves were originally eliminated from these lands and will be again.

12/03/2007

Re-introduction of the wolves is neither fair to the wolf or the livestock or the custodians and operators of the rangelands, and this is why it will not be tolerated again, now or ever.

Thanks for reading and understanding my views.

Sincerely,

Noel Marsh

Name: Noel Marsh

Street: 602 S. Florida Ave. #507

City, State, Zip: Alamogordo,

New Mexico 88310

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Comments:

I strongly support the re-introduction of the Mexican wolf. This species is an essential part of the ecological structure of the public lands of New Mexico. Their absence would also affect the intrinsic value of these lands.

I strongly support and ask the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to include an experimental essential recovery plan for the wolf. This includes expanding the recovery area of the wolf to anywhere in the Blue Range Recovery Area.

Many of the other restrictions that are currently inhibiting the re-introduction of the Mexican wolf should also be addressed. This includes the 'capture-relocate' method, since wolves need and are entitled to large areas of land.

I also propose that stricter rules for ranches that do not take care of dead cattle be set. Since they are basically borrowing land, they should be required to clean up after their "business."

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Comments:

I do NOT FEEL THAT
WE NEED THE MEXICAN
GREY WOLF, IS OVERD
COUNTRY N.M.
PET OWNERS SHOULD
HAVE THE RIGHT TO
SHOOT WOLFS ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

I would LIKE SEE
THE INTRODUCTION OF
SHEEP & GOATS TO
THE SACRAMENTO
MOUNTAINS.

Name: Rogee Brummond

Street: 64 LA Luz Canyon Rd

LA Luz N.M. 88337

City, State, Zip: LA Luz N.M.

88337

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Comments:

I BELIEVE THESE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM ARE VERY POSITIVE. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND ALL SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH THIS PROPOSAL.

I DO BELIEVE THAT THE LONG TERM ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ONE DAY HEARING THE HOWL OF A FREE ROAMING MEXICAN GRAY WOLF.

Name: STEVE DITTEL

Street: 2551 ADOBE RANCH

ALAMOGORDO, NM 88310

City, State, Zip: _____

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Comments:

I support continuing the reintroduction program of the Mexican Gray wolf.

I support enlarging the wolf recovery area

I support primary releases of the Mexican Wolf into the Gila National Forest.

I support changes to the reintroduction program that will help with the success of this program and will lead to the survival of the Mexican Gray wolf.

I thank people who are working to save this species.

Name: Jayne Halonen

Street: 3026 Del Sur

City, State, Zip: _____

Albion, NY 14310

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Comments:

As a Superintendent of School in Clarendon my concern immediately turns to the safety of students. Children walk from their front door to the bus stop are in potential danger. Hopefully this would never happen but if there is any chance at all, this should be considered.

Name: Tommy Hancock
Street: P.O. Box 198

City, State, Zip: Clarendon
TX 78317

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Comments:

WOLFS here
I a bad
idea!!!
~~Idea~~
90% don't
want THEM
you work
FOR US

Name: James Hiller

Street: 810 4th St

City, State, Zip: Alamogordo N, N

88310

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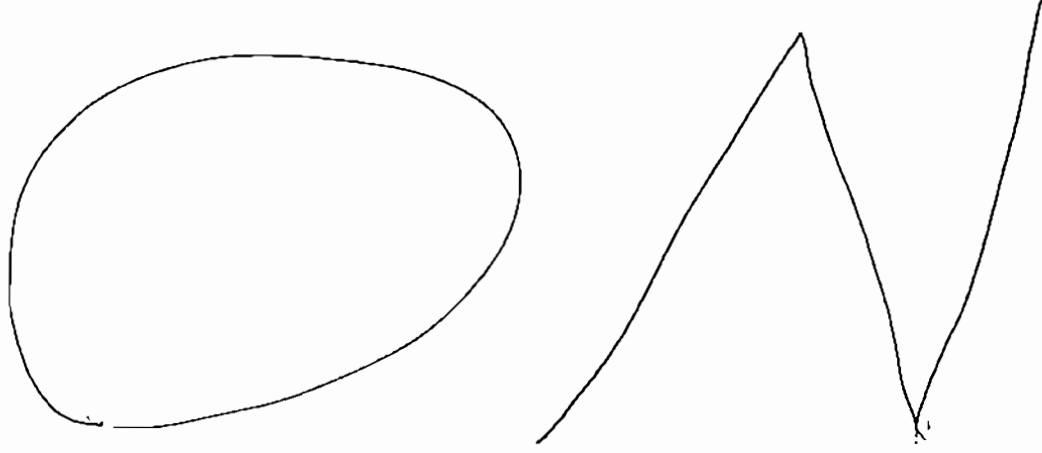
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Comments:



Name: Welda Gmder

Street: POB 990

City, State, Zip: CANTON

AK 98301

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Comments:

As a RESIDENT OF
the canyons in the
foothills of the
Sacramento Mountains,
I would like to
express my support
for the (re)-introduction
of the ^{Mexican GRAY} wolf
in the Sacramento
Mountains.

I hope my
grandchildren can
hear the howl of
the wolf in my
backyard -
Denise Lang

Name: Denise Lang
Street: PO Box 521
179 Fresno Canyon Rd.
City, State, Zip: La Luz NM
88337

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Comments:

I am looking forward
to hearing the howl of
a Mexican Gray Wolf in the wild
some time soon.

I support the reintro-
duction of this animal
in the Sacramento
Mountains.

Name: Kenneth Nicholson

Street: 28 John Drive

City, State, Zip: Alamogordo

NM, 88310

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