

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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Full The Mexican Gray Wolf should be listed under the  
endangered species act, and not as "non-essential, experimental"  
The Mexican Gray Wolf needs this extra protection in order  
to raise the population. Without a viable population of Mexican  
Gray Wolves, the reintroductions will fail. The population ~~can~~  
will never expand if they are also limited in territory.  
Please allow the wolves to expand their territory.

Eliminate all restrictions to wolf dispersal and movements.

Expand the area for initial releases to anywhere within the  
Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area!!!

It is eminent that you revise the recovery plan in order  
to make positive change for the wolves.

Also, I think it is important that we are able to resolve  
livestock-wolf conflicts in ways that keep wolves in the wild and  
promote re-introduction objectives. Help out the livestock farmer, by  
helping wolves!

(4-11-2011)

I do not believe that any wolves should be killed  
~~order~~ because they leave their boundary. The  
last time I checked, wolves can not read maps or  
signs, so how are we to put boundaries on their territories  
and punish them for leaving them!

Thank you

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Dear Mr. Millsap:

As a father of two, I hope to share  
the wonder of hearing a wolf howl or maybe  
see wolves in Arizona. I want wolves to survive!

Please consider the Conservation Alternative  
that will change wolf classification from  
"experimental, non-essential" to "essential."

I consider ecosystem management to include  
the holistic ecosystem of which wolves  
play a critical role.

Wolves need to expand their territory  
so you should consider the elimination of  
all restrictions to wolf movements, let them  
roam free!

Wolves should be released anywhere within the  
Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. (over)

A good idea is to remove dead cattle from the forest so wolves can avoid ~~encounters~~ conflicts with ranchers.

In addition, I feel that the recovery plan must be revised and should include objectives for full recovery of the wolves.

Please include in the NEPA process the option of recovery and release areas for wolves outside of the BRWRA such as the Grand Canyon ecosystem.

Our national heritage will reflect our true values by bring wolves back to Arizona's ecosystems and I feel like reintroducing wolves into Arizona will only bring better health and sustainability to all animals ~~health~~ ~~by~~

Thanks and I think it would help to give names to reintroduced wolves instead of numbers!

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To Whom it may concern:

Since the current wolf recovery plan has not been amended for twenty five years and does not include objectives for full recovery of Mexican gray wolves, I strongly urge the Fish and Wildlife Service to include a "Conservation Alternative" to reclassify wolves from "experimental, non-essential" to "experimental essential" or better yet "endangered" to give wolves more protection.

Presently Mexican wolves must stay within the boundaries of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. Please expand the area for initial releases and eliminate all restrictions of wolf dispersal and movements.

Please change the current rules to have ranchers <sup>that are</sup> using public lands and require them to remove ~~and~~ or render inedible the carcasses of livestock that die for various reasons.

I urge you to stop killing and removing wolves and to reduce "take" and to expand the number of wolves in the wild population. No maximum should be set for the number of wolves in the wild through this ~~is~~ rule change.

This rule change should not include any provisions that would limit in any way future options for recovery of Mexican gray wolves anywhere outside the ~~current~~ current boundaries of The BRWRA.

In conclusion I would like to say that the reintroduction of wolves is critical to the restoration of the South Western environment. It saddens me that there are so many species that are endangered and that there is the possibility that some of these wild animals will only be seen by future generations in zoos.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Millsap:

The designation of the BRWRA as non-essential, experimental seems a way to designate the recovery project of the Mexican Gray wolf as a non-essential species. Why is this species any less essential than any other endangered species. If the species are important enough to be designated as endangered, they should also be designated at a minimum to experimental essential, or endangered.

It also seems ridiculous that you believe a wolf would stay within a specific boundary. Do other wild animals stay within specific boundaries or read maps. If this population is to grow, they can not be limited to invisible lines, and punished when they cross them. By moving a wolf because they have crossed this invisible line, you may be taking them away from their mate or pack, thus hindering the population growth.

Another reason wolves may be drawn across their invisible boundaries is their search for food. If ranchers are not removing the carcasses of their livestock, it is inevitable that some animal is going to eat the carcass. Hunters leave ~~carcasses~~ carcasses of deer and elk in the wild as well. If a wolf crosses this invisible boundary to feed on a carcass left by a hunter, and then moves on and finds additional livestock, why should they be punished. We humans leave a trail of food for the wolves and punish them when they get too close to us.

~~If~~ If wolves are to be punished for preying on carcasses, which lead to them preying on live animals, we should alter our practices so the wolves do not have the trail we made to follow. Ranchers should be required to clean their land of carcasses, and hunters should as well.

I certainly hope you will take my comments as well as the comments of others into consideration in your revision of the current law.

Sincerely, Sarah Hirtz  
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810004



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How can we not, as God's children and part of His creation, not want these magnificent coat animals to have a successful recovery program in Arizona and New Mexico.

I plead with you to give wolves more protection. Please include a "Conservation Alternative" that will change the classification to experimental, essential or endangered. Also please allow wolves to expand their territory. Certainly here in the San Francisco Peaks area, as well as the White Mountain area there is excellent habitat & food supply.

Help the genetic pool by releasing wolves currently in captivity. Let's keep our wolf packs healthy.

Also, please require ranchers to clean up their dead stock before wolves can scavenge on them.

Sir, please stop killing & removing wolves from the area. Instead of removing them, please expand the number, and again, allow the wolves to disperse outside the recovery area. We need the wolves to restore the balance here in northern Arizona & New Mexico.

Also Mr. Millsap, the current Recovery Plan is out of date, again

We need to include objectives for full  
recovery of Mexican gray wolves. The  
Fish & Wildlife Service needs to revise the  
recovery plan before concurrent with  
this rule change so rule changes do not  
preclude future recovery actions.

Thank you so very much for your  
attention to this matter.

Dee Wright  
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Dear Sir -

The present rules governing the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction project are clearly inadequate. The attempt to establish a population of at least 100 Mexican Grey wolves, including 18 breeding pairs, has fallen sadly short, with only 59 wolves & 6 breeding pairs at the end of the target date, 2006.

Please:

- \* Include a "conservation alternative" that will change the classification from "non-essential" to "experimental, essential" or "endangered". This will give the wolves stronger protection to succeed in the wild.
- \* Allow wolves to expand their territory and eliminate all restrictions to wolf dispersal & movements. They need access to good habitat throughout their historic range.
- \* Expand the area for initial releases to anywhere within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery area, so that wolves currently in captivity can be released to benefit genetically the various populations.
- \* Resolve livestock-wolf conflicts in ways that keep wolves in the wild and achieve progress towards reintroduction objectives. Ranchers using public lands should be required to clean up dead stock in order to discourage wolf

from scavenging; so that they will be less likely to prey on livestock nearby.

- \* Stop killing and removing wolves - reduce "take"
- \* Revise the recovery plan, which has not been amended in 25 years and does not include objectives for full recovery of Mexican grey wolves. The FWS needs to revise the recovery plan before or concurrent with this rule change so that rule changes do not preclude future recovery ~~of~~ actions.
- \* Expand the number of wolves in the wild population. No maximum should be set for the number of wolves in the wild through this rule change.
- \* Keep future recovery options open; do not limit future options for recovery of Mexican grey wolves anywhere outside the current boundaries of the BRWRA.

Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem, helping to keep various wild animal populations healthy. Also they're extremely cool.

Thank you for your time —

Katherine Mareck

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Monitoring: I just don't understand the mentality of having to monitor wild animals. Turn them loose without collars, and let them be. They will eventually balance the ecosystem without human interference. Leave them free to range. Cattle ranching is not natural. Wide-ranging wolves, mtn. lions, etc. is. EXPAND THEIR AREA!

Guard Dogs for Cattle: I have friends who have cattle over near Blythe/Parker. They use Great Pyrenees dogs as guard dogs. Wolves cannot bite through their thick fur and are quite large & strong. They have had no losses due to coyotes or lions.

Pit Problems: I don't care what is attacking my dogs, I would do whatever I had to to drive the animal away - wouldn't you? If we hike in the wild lands it's the risk we take knowingly. Lions and wolves were here first. We and our domestic pets are intruders.

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Change classification: I would be in favor of changing the classification to "experimental, essential" or "endangered" if this is the only way we can expand their range and let them breed and live naturally.

Ranchers should remove all carcasses of all dead animals. It only makes sense if they don't want to attract predators or spread disease.

I support the revision of the Recovery Plan so that ~~rule~~ changes do not preclude future recovery actions.

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PS,

On our honeymoon on the north rim of Grand Canyon in 1967 (June), we saw a pair of timber wolves. It was a thrilling moment!

Nov 26. 2007

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To whom it may concern,

As an Arizona native, I am a little disappointed that the Mexican Gray Wolf recovery ~~program~~ initiative is not as successful as it first seemed it would be. I did not have the pleasure to grow up hiking in the beautiful mountains of Arizona witnessing all the formerly extant wildness of wolves, grizzly bears, or jaguars.

I believe that expanding the territory for the Mexican Gray Wolf recovery program would greatly increase the chances for a successful reintroduction and would be an important pro-active step at conserving our wild fauna.

I also firmly encourage the changing of the listing of Mexican Gray wolves to "endangered". I feel that under the current classification (experimental, nonessential), they are not provided adequate protection.

There have got to be alternatives to improving the Mexican Gray wolves chance of recovery. I want my children and grandchildren to be able to experience the majesty of wild things, but I feel this won't happen if we do not revise the recovery plan.

Thank you for your ear!

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From:

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DEAR BRIAN MILSAP.

IN 1979, I WAS AWARDED A Ph.D. IN Ecology FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS. SINCE THEN I HAVE WORKED ON EVERY CONTINENT IN THE WORLD EXCEPT ~~ANTARCTICA~~. I HAVE DIRECTED 5 OVERSEAS SEMESTER(S) PROGRAMS IN SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR BOSTON UNIVERSITY. THE FIRST OF THESE WAS IN KENYA, IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.

PERHAPS THE MOST SALIENT POINT TO HAVE EMERGED FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN SO MANY NATIONS (I'VE WORKED IN A DOZEN) IS THAT THE U.S. GOVT., THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE, AND THE U.S. FISH & GAME DEPT. ARE BARELY OUT OF THE DARK AGES, AND, WITH REGARD TO ANY SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS, MAY BE STUCK IN THE DARK AGES. OUR NATURAL HERITAGE IS THE ONLY IMPORTANT HERITAGE WE AMERICANS POSSESS BEYOND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND OUR BILL OF RIGHTS. NATURE IS OUR BEST RESOURCE.

MY MESSAGE HERE - AND MY PLEA TO YOU - IS TO AGGRESSIVELY EMBRACE THE FUNDAMENTAL ECOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE ~~OF~~ <sup>OF</sup> BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND FULLY FUNCTIONING ECOSYSTEMS, COMPLETE WITH ALL ENDEMIC TOP PREDATORS, <sup>THIS</sup> SHOULD BE THE ONLY GOAL OF FOREST & FEDERAL LANDS MANAGEMENT. WHILE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT "BALANCE OF NATURE," AN ECOSYSTEM WITH ALL OF ITS EVOLUTIONARY COMPONENTS COMPRISES THE MOST VALUABLE OF FEDERAL LANDS. WILDLIFE ARE A PART OF THESE LANDS.

WOLVES BELONG TO, AND ARE NEEDED WITHIN, MOST GRASSLANDS & FOREST LANDS OF AMERICAN WEST. I URGE YOU - I IMPLORE YOU - TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWER TO FOSTER AND SUPPORT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RE-INTRODUCTION OF "MEXICAN" WOLVES INTO ALL NATIONAL FORESTS OF THE SOUTHWEST AS SOON AS →  
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possible. Your doing this would begin to right the many, many wrongs committed the past by Federal employees pandering to the now-obsolete land use systems of the past, namely, grazing cattle and sheep in ARIZONA, which quite literally destroyed the region's once staggeringly beautiful grasslands and forests.

By fostering the re-introduction of wolves to all Southwestern National Forests and National Parks with forest and grassland and desert range component eco-types, you will be standing up for restoring our natural heritage and for supporting the recovery of fully functional ecosystems. Only these sorts of lands promise a viable future of the sort for which generations of future Americans will thank you.

"Mexican" or "Southwestern" wolves of the ecotype of Canis lupis should be re-introduced and protected within all federal lands <sup>here</sup> and should be protected by law no matter where they may wander. Only proven livestock killing (not merely feeding) wolves should be removed from the land - and they should be taken alive and used for captive breeding for yet more re-introductions.

While my plea may seem quaint, naive, lopsided, obsessed, or merely highly principled, I assure you that my vast experience in other nations' wildlands, with the managers of those lands, the endemic peoples, the government politicians, support my contention that men who stand up and act their principles, especially ecologically proven principles, have and earn the thanks of those in the future. Contrarily, fail or waffle in this, and earn their scorn, resentment, and hatred.

THANKS. Michael P. Ghybeni

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This is a letter of concern for the natural place of wolves within the Southwest. The wolf issue is a complex one with many stakeholders (the primary one being the wolves themselves). I believe what is at stake is the health of the ecosystem of "Southwest" forests and grasslands. Without wolves in concert with other peak predators, herbivores do not behave in a natural way. Deer, Elk, Rabbit, etc... need predators to maintain healthy populations within the areas they dwell.

The Rancher-Wolf conflict is the biggest hurdle to overcome. I think that with a patient and informed approach to the management of wolves and Cattle, some sort of balance can be achieved. The removal of carcasses within wolf territory seems to be a logical way to deal with the interest that wolves may have in taking non-native prey (cattle/sheep). Payment of anchors for losses seems to be a good way to mitigate tension that is produced when live stock is killed.

The recovery plan is out of date and should be revised to reflect today's challenges and realities. The human population has changed dramatically within the southwest over the past 25 years and so has the forest. Maybe its time ~~to~~ to take another and look at the recovery plan.

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Dear Mr. Millsap:

I would like to see some evidence that FWS actually wants to see the Mexican Wolf Recovery succeed. The current rules for the project seem to be designed for failure!

- It is absurd that the wolves are not permitted to leave BRAWRA. They cannot read signs (if there are any). The highly successful program in the Northern Rockies had no such restriction. Fix this!!
- Ranchers should clean up the carcasses which condition wolves to an easy meal. Fix this!!
- By what logic are wolves not released in the wild, the best habitat? It can ~~be~~ only be pandering to hard-core anti-wolf public lands ranchers in New Mexico. Fix this!!
- Stop killing wolves. Expand the population.

We need wolves back for aesthetic, ethical, and ecological reasons. Wildlife should take priority over ranching.

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It is supremely frustrating to see my government, especially FWS, apparently trying to obstruct the project. Please fix the rules, and change the course/attitude of your agency to strive for success.

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I AM VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE CURRENT RULES THAT CURRENTLY GOVERN THE MEXICAN GRAY WOLF. PREDATORS LIKE THE WOLF ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM. WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE LAND WHICH MEANS WE MUST LEAVE IT AND ITS INHABITANTS IN AT LEAST AS GOOD CONDITION (IF NOT BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT). UNRESTRICTED REMOVAL + DEPLETION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES CANNOT CONTINUE.

AS PART OF A REAL CONSERVATION PLAN THE BLUE RANGE POPULATION OF GRAY WOLVES IS ESSENTIAL NOT OPTIONAL. TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS WE MUST EXPAND THEIR TERRITORY. WOLVES NEED TO MOVE TO WHERE THE PREY AND THE WATER IS. IT IS LUDICROUS TO CREATE ARTIFICIAL BOUNDARIES THAT DO NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT WOLF RANGE HAS BEEN AND NEEDS TO BE FOR THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY CO-EXIST WITH A LARGE HUMAN INFLUENCE. CORRIDORS FOR ALL WILDLIFE SHOULD BE INITIAL RELEASES SHOULD BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BLUE RANGE TO INCREASE SELF-SUSTAINABILITY OF PACKS + STOP THE KILLING! A MINIMUM FOR THE BRWRA IS 100+ AND IT SHOULD BE MORE.

MY LAST COMMENT IS ABOUT THE CONFLICT THAT HAS BEEN ON-GOING BETWEEN RANCHERS/LIVESTOCK AND WOLVES. I PERSONALLY AM SICK OF THIS SPECIAL INTEREST HAVING SO MUCH INFLUENCE ON THESE POLICIES. FOR STARTERS RANCHERS USING PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP DEAD LIVESTOCK BEFORE WOLVES FIND THEM AND ALSO DEBRIS ATTRACTED TO THEM. IT IS MY

LAND TOO! I WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE IT  
OVER-GRAZED AND POLLUTED AND THEN NOT  
ALLOW WOLVES IN THE AREA BECAUSE THEY  
MIGHT KILL ONE COW OCCASIONALLY. AGAIN I  
GO BACK TO US BEING STEWARDS OF THE LAND -  
NOT JUST EXTRACTING EVERY LAST MOLECULE  
WE CAN. WOLVES BELONG HERE AS PART OF OUR  
HERITAGE - AND NOT JUST IN A LITTLE BOX OF LAND.

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To the Fish and Wildlife Service,

I am writing to express my deep support for changing the rules governing the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction project to include MORE, not less support for wolves.

Having a balanced food chain and treasuring the creatures in our world is a necessary part of being human and caring for our earth in a sustainable and smart manner.

It is appalling to me that only 50 wolves exist in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, and that, despite the fact that Mexican gray wolves are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the Fish & Wildlife Service is not doing more to protect them from going "missing," being killed, or being removed from the wild population.

Please rectify this situation. You must include a "Conservation Alternative" that will change the classification from "experimental, non-essential" to "essential" or endangered to give wolves more protection. Also, allow wolves to expand their territory by eliminating restrictions to wolf dispersal and movements. Wolves cannot read boundaries

lines, and when they are captured & relocated, this causes disruptions to packs and injuries to wolves.

Beyond this, we must stop the killing of wolves. Please require ranchers using public lands to remove or render inedible the carcasses of livestock that die for various reasons like disease. This attracts wolves and leave them vulnerable to killing. Also, we must reduce "take" of wolves. ~~As~~ We cannot continue killing endangered species.

People value wolves. I want to see a healthy wolf population in our area. Please stand with me to restore balance to our wild lands.

Sincerely,

Makenzie Selland

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I am a concerned student at NAU, and fully support the Mexican Grey wolf reintroduction process. I think that some changes that need to happen include a "Conservation Alternative" that will change the classification from "experimental, non-essential" to "experimental, essential" or "endangered" to give wolves more protection. The wolves should also be allowed to expand their territory, and all restrictions to wolf dispersal and movement should be eliminated. The area for initial releases should also be expanded to anywhere with the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. I think that any dead livestock carcasses should be removed by the farmers in order to ~~keep~~ keep the wolves from being attracted to the carcasses. The population of the wolves should also be expanded. A revised recovery plan should also be made, since the current recovery plan is out of date. One last change that should be made is that there should be a reduction in the "take", or killing and removal of the wolves. Thank you for all of your support!

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Mexican Gray Wolf Scoping Comments by:  
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November 26, 2007

Dear Sirs,

It seems clear that Mexican gray wolf recovery is not going well and that changes need to be made to the recovery plan to make it succeed.

For one thing, it seems ridiculous to try to keep the existing wolves in the Blue Range area and to capture and relocate them back into this area when they disperse, presumably even if they are doing OK. It seems that they should be allowed to go anywhere they can find good habitat as long as they are behaving themselves and not getting into trouble attacking cattle. And releases should be allowed anywhere in the Blue Range, not just in Arizona.

Perhaps another area would be better. In Arizona, I know <sup>most of</sup> the ranchers are very much against having the wolves. Perhaps concentrating in a different area where ranchers are a little more open and progressive would be more successful. Also, I think ranchers have a responsibility to do what they can to protect their animals when they are using public lands, perhaps keeping cows who are about to calve in a more confined, protected area. Also they could

remove dead cattle <sup>that die of natural causes</sup> so that wolves would not get the idea that cattle are good to eat and easy prey. That should be a requirement for using public land for grazing.

Prompt investigation of predated cattle should be done to determine if wolves indeed caused the death or just fed on the animal. That way the rancher could be promptly compensated. But I also think there should be some requirements put on the ranchers also to make this work.

The objectives for recovery should be made clearer. The self-sustaining population of 100 wolves and 18 breeding pairs should be the minimum objectives. Populations should be allowed to expand and disperse as they can and these numbers should not be used as maximums.

Finally, a different idea should not be precluded should a better alternative or habitat for release be found. Recovery options should be left open so that the primary goal of recovery of the Mexican wolf into the wild can be achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Marcia E. Lambin

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Dear Mr. Millsap:

Without doubt to anyone that is environmentally aware this program is ~~flawed~~ flawed and requires re-thinking back to its very origins and in the way it is executed. I offer the comments below for your review:

1. Public perception of this "recovery" project is dismal. There appears to be no concerted commitment to restore the Mexican Wolf to its natural and historic territory.
2. The designation of the wolf as "experimental, non-essential" is a determinant for the failure of this program. There is a need to change this to "endangered" which is the true status of this animal. There will be no true recovery without this.
3. Territory should not be an artificial designation, which is an unrealistic restriction on the ecology of the Mexican wolf. Rethinking this political restriction to accommodate a marginal industry that is ecologically unsound in the Southwest is necessary for any degree of success in this program. Release sites should be expanded to

I am Mr. Kilgus:

without doubt to ensure that in environmental  
course this program is done. I am  
and receive the funding back to its  
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of the Government.  
I am in your service.

Public perception of this "recession" may  
is limited. The system to be in control  
Government to report the  
to its natural and historic territory.

The Government of the United States  
has established a commitment to the  
of this program. There is a need  
to change the "recession" and in  
the way of our business. There will be no time  
recovery without this.

larger goals not be an artificial situation  
which is an immediate reality for the  
people of the nation. The program  
political restriction to economic  
propositional environment that is appropriate  
intended in the Government in  
for an order of things in the program.  
I am in your service.



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4. Increasing the number of animals released will enhance genetic diversity and model the Yellowstone recovery on public lands. public land use should be determined by various human interest groups (populations other than local ranchers and misguided residents who still believe in big bad wolf myths). That have a broader interest in preserving our heritage of wild species that ~~deserve~~ deserve a place in the ~~common~~ ecological community that includes us but not only us.
5. Resolve wolf deprodatations that are proven through monetary means that are beneficial to a hard pressed industry. The attraction of wild populations has more economic gains than having marginal cattle operations on public lands.

4.

The members of the committee  
 should be determined by  
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5. Change is required that is profound because of public perception, the reality of the failure of this program, the absolute need to save this species in its historic range, and the need to revise the recovery plan to embrace true support for Mexican wolf recovery and rules revised to make this happen.

Please make this statement a part of the rule change process in the public record.

Thank You

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 who are appointed by the  
 Government of India. The  
 members are appointed for  
 a period of three years.  
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 make regulations for the  
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AS A FORESTER AND A BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN  
FOR THE U.S. FS. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXPERIENCE WOLVES (MEXICAN GRAY) ~~WOLVES~~  
IN THE BRWRA DURING THE FIELD SEASON  
OF 1999. WHILE WORKING FOR THE RMRS  
WE WERE CONDUCTING SURVEY AT NIGHT FOR  
MSO (MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL) IN THE BRWRA, WE  
HAD BEEN OUT MOST OF THE NIGHT AND  
WERE HEARING HOWLS & MOVEMENT IN THE  
BUSH, WE NEVER SAW WOLVES THAT NIGHT  
BUT WHEN WE RETURNED TO THE VEHICLES  
THERE WAS A NOTE FROM A BIOLOGIST  
LETTING US KNOW THAT WOLVES WERE  
IN THE VICINITY AND HOW TO CONDUCT  
ONSELF IN THEIR PRESENCE. IT WAS  
AN EXCELLENCE FEELING TO KNOW THAT WE  
WERE SO NEAR WILD WOLVES & THAT THEY  
NEVER ACTED IN A THREATING WAY. WILD  
WOLVES POSE NO THREATS TO HUMANS & ARE  
AN IMPORTANT KEYSTONE <sup>NATIVE</sup> SPECIES THAT HAVE  
CO-EVOLVED WITH FOREST TYPES OF AREA.  
ON THE OTHER HAND SHEEP, CATTLE &  
LACKER ME EVIL A SCARER ... →

TO ARIZONA TO SUSTAIN HUMAN EXPANSION INTO LANDS OCCUPIED BY NICHIE POPULATIONS & ANIMALS RELEANT ON INTACT ECO SYSTEMS -

CATTLE, SHEEP & HUMANS HAVE ALTERED THESE ECO SYSTEMS WITH DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS -

FIRE REGIMES HAVE BEEN ALTERED THROUGH UNBULATE <sup>AND FIRE SUPPRESSION</sup> ~~RAZING~~ & NOXIOUS WEEDS HAVE BEEN PROLIFERATED THROUGH UNBULATE GRAZING. FURTHER MORE UNBULATES HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON RIPARIAN HABITS THAT ARE SCARCE IN AND ARIZONA. BY REMOVING PREDATORS, ELK & DEER POPULATIONS HAVE GONE UNCHECKED AND HAVE FURTHER ALTERED FOREST & GRASSLANDS OF THESE THE REDUCTION OF ASPEN (POPULUS sp.) DUE TO OVERGRAZING BY ELK THREATENS TO DECLINE ~~AN~~ AN ICONIC WESTERN FOREST TYPE. WOLVES ARE A NATIVE SPECIES THAT WOULD HELP RESTORE ECO SYSTEMS TO A MORE FUNCTIONAL STATE.

FOR THESE REASONS WOLVES ~~SHOULD~~ AND WOLF POLICY SHOULD BE AMENDED TO BENEFIT NOT HARM WOLVES:

- ① PLEASE ~~REMOVE~~ CLASSIFY WOLVES AS ESSENTIAL & ENDANGERED
- ② ELIMINATE ALL RESTRICTIONS ON WOLF DISPENSAL & MOVEMENT
- ③ EXPAND THE RELEASE AREA TO INCLUDE ALL THE BRWRA
- ④ REMOVE CATTLE & SHEEP FROM THE BRWRA - THEY ARE A NON-NATIVE, EXOTIC, NOXIOUS SPECIES -

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- ⑤ STOP KILLING WOLVES + REMOVING WOLVES FROM THE  
BLWRA - ELIMINATE TAKE + MAKE IT  
ILLEGAL FOR KILL WOLVES -
- ⑥ REVISE THE 25 YEAR OLD RECOVERY PLAN TO  
BENEFIT THE RECOVERY OF A <sup>GENETICALLY</sup> VIABLE  
WOLF POPULATION
- ⑦ EXPAND THE NUMBER + RANGE OF WOLVES  
IN THE WILD - 100 WOLVES MINIMUM !!
- ⑧ PUT IN PLACE OPTIONS FOR ADAPTIVE  
MANAGEMENT - + FUTURE RECOVERY + SUSTAINABLE  
MANAGEMENT -

I VALUED MY BREEF ENCOUNTER WITH  
WILD WOLVES. - THEY SHOULD BE TREATED  
WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. THEY ARE  
THE ANSWER TO HELP US RESTORE MEXICO'S  
ECOSYSTEMS TO A MORE FUNCTIONAL,  
HEALTHY STATE!

THANK YOU!

SHAWNACEY A. MEARES  
3035 E. LEWIS DR.  
FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004

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The Mexican Gray Wolf is an endangered species. Under the endangered species act, the Mexican gray wolf deserves the full protection of the federal law. The establishment of a "non-essential, experimental population" is a first step. However, the plan has fallen short of its own objectives and charter. As a result, the program needs to be updated to fulfill (and expand) the initial goals. Please consider the following changes to the current

rules:

- ① The Mexican Gray wolf classification should be changed to "endangered" or "experimental, essential"; this will provide stronger protections that the M-GW needs to be reestablished.
- ② Please eliminate any restrictions to wolf dispersal and movement. Wolves cannot read maps. Wolves will migrate to find their own space as the land and prey-base allows. The ~~artificial~~ artificial boundary for the BRWRA has resulted in many wolf recaptures and killings. There should be no exclusion of geographic areas from potential occupation by wolves.
- ③ The current...



rules do not require ranchers using public lands to remove or render inedible the carcasses of livestock that die for various reasons like disease and starvation. The grazing of public livestock on public lands amounts to an indirect subsidy, therefore at a minimum ranchers should be responsible for cleaning up dead livestock on public lands. This works. During the introduction of wolves in the greater Yellowstone, ~~the~~ the ranchers were required to clean up dead livestock, this reduces the ~~pride~~ wolf predation on livestock by not giving a wolf a taste ~~of~~ for domestic animals.

④ The leading ~~cost of~~ cause of death for wolves over the last few years has been the "take" (wolf removal by killing). The new rules need to allow less "take" or killing of wolves. The management agencies have demonstrated a lack of restraint in lethal control; the rules need to be changed so that the Mexican gray wolf can reach sustainable numbers. ⑤ The recovery plan needs to be updated. The recovery plan needs to be updated to ~~preclude~~ so that rule changes don't preclude future recovery actions. ⑥ There should be no upper limit on the number of wild wolves. 100 wolves is a minimum objective (which has not been achieved) and larger numbers will increase the long term viability of the Mexican gray wolf. ⑦ The rule changes should not pre-empt provisions that limit future options for Mexican gray wolves anywhere outside the current boundaries of the BRWRA. Wolves help balance the ecosystem and as

the top predator they help many species thrive. The wolf  
reintroduction into the Yellowstone area ~~was~~ successful  
beyond all predictions and benefited, beaver, raptors, fish  
and willows. Please change the rules to allow the  
endangered Mexican Gray Wolf to roam wild and  
free in the southwest.

Thank You,

BREAN JOHNSON

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FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001

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## Comments:

My comments are stapled  
to this brochure  
Thank you

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November 26<sup>th</sup> 2007

US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

As an Endangered Species I would like to see the Mexican Gray Wolf reintroduced, fully protected and encouraged to thrive through out its natural environment in Arizona and New Mexico, Including the North Grand Canyon Ecoregion.

The relationship between Man and Canine speaks to our very soul and goes back to the dawn of civilization. We must not encroach too heavily on the Wild Wolves domain. They are our kindred spirits.

Thank you  
Robin T. Squire  
1918 N. Mesa Dr.  
Flagstaff AZ 86001

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Jeff Sesemann  
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The Mexican wolf should be evaluated from non-essential to essential because their should be diversity for in nature. The chance to see many different animals in the wild is a definite reason to improve the protection of animals. The wolves territory also should be expanded to allow for greater numbers. With this added area more space and prey are made available for wolves and the wolf's competitor. Also by making ranchers make their cattles carcassers inedible the wolves won't be inclined to search that area for food. If not make the bodies inedible the farmers should ~~at least~~ find the carcasses and clean them up.

The reduce or "take" policy now in place is very regressive of the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf plan. With this in place how can the population growth be implemented.

The minimum wolves objective should be raised to above the current number. To make this possible the territory should be expanded. While the number should be increased there should be no maximum number of wolves at any given time.

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--- Trapping out of recovery area

White sands

## Comments:

I Think The Blue Range Wolf Recovery is wonderful. I wish there was more effort and more recovery programs - The Ecology needs The wolf!  
Mexican GRAs wolves is essential to The recovery. Wolves need more protection - not less  
Wolves need to expand their Territory - wolves over cows and pets - There is plenty of range for cattle not enough for wolves,

Initial releases should be anywhere in the Blue Range Recovery Area. This will help with the Game Pool. There should be less killing of wolves - They belong there.

Please also review the recovery plan. It has been a success but we need to increase the number of wolves in the wild.

Open new areas to wolf recovery - i.e., Northern Arizona & the Grand Canyon

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## Comments:

This program needs to make the changes necessary for the wolf recovery in the wild to be successful. It appears that too many wolves are being taken out of the wild due to feeding on cattle or roaming outside the designated areas. I'd like to see less "takes" in the area where the wolves are allowed to roam should be expanded. The release areas should be increased with New Mexico locations added.

THE WOLF-CATTLE CONFLICT CAN PROBABLY NEVER BE FULLY RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE RANCHERS. I BELIEVE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WILL BE CATTLE LOSSES IN THESE AREAS. THERE SHOULD BE A FUND TO COMPENSATE THE RANCHERS FOR THEIR LOSSES, DEAD LIVESTOCK

SHOULD BE REMOVED WHEN POSSIBLE TO DISCOURAGE WOLVES FEASTING ON CATTLE. IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF 100 WOLVES IN THE WILD IN THIS AREA WE NEED TO ACCEPT THE NEUTRAL LOSS OF LIVESTOCK, BY EXPANDING THE RECOVERY AREA WE SPREAD THE CATTLE LOSSES AMONG A LARGER RANCHING COMMUNITY AND LIMIT THE LOSS PER EACH RANCH.

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## Comments:

Several years ago a female wolf was detected (by radio collar) passing near to Flagstaff. She had left her pack (the Blue?) seeking a mate, having no way to know there were no male wolves between her and Wyoming. I had already found her spoor & tracks near Walnut Canyon behind my house - I am a biologist, & knew her sign was neither dog, coyote, nor lion. I was thilled beyond measure that a wild wolf was so close to me. Then, several days later it was reported in the newspaper that she had been hit by a vehicle & killed while crossing Highway 89 North. I grieve still & cry as I write this. But what a journey she made!

The increasingly dry climate & stressed vegetation of the Southwest is no longer suitable for cattle grazing, if it ever was. But it is perfect habitat for a healthy population of free-ranging wolves. Wolves will keep the grazers in check - the deer elk, which are overpopulated in the absence of large predators.

This ecosystem needs wolves. The last 150 years has been a misguided experiment with very bad & very obvious outcomes - degraded soils, destroyed riparian areas, "welfare ranchers" who can't subsist without government subsidies.

Wyoming & Montana have shown

huge success in re-establishing healthy, sustainable wolf populations. It has been done, it can be done - DO IT!!

I am a native Arizonan, & no fan of ranching, their voice should not outweigh mine.

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Large predators in the eco-system are vital to the health of any wild area. Wolves, at one time were native to northern Arizona and southern Utah. There are many imbalances in the natural world - we now have the opportunity to restore a vital balance - one necessary to keep "the peace" in our natural world. A national park, like the Grand Canyon, is a perfect place to do this. Protection of a species is vital in our modern world to the proliferation of that species. A national park can and will provide that protection. Come on folks - let's get it together. Bring back the wolf!

Doug Minnier

168 N. Pawnee

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Keep recovery options open -

## Comments:

I would like to see the classification changed to endangered.

To have the recovery program remain viable/usable need to be able to expand their territories part of this needs to include critical habitats & recoveries for their job -

Keep looking for innovative ways to deal with wolf - livestock conflict - More oversight by ranchers - a warning system to allow Ranchers to be notified when wolves are in the property

restores. As Standy working is there an today a logical way to make Standy.

Fit owners need to be educated on the risks of having loose pits and the Forest Service, timber on BLM land. They need to assume responsibility for their job -

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## Comments:

wolves belong naturally on "public lands", cows do not. Cows should be permanently removed from public land. Then wolves should return. However, it is ridiculous to capture raise wolves just to release them in "cow country" & then shoot them. Return the wolves, remove the cows.

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention the dire current situation of the Mexican Gray Wolf. It is shocking + appalling that in the USA - the Recovery Plan has not been amended in 25 years! Time is long over-due to revisit this plan + make needed changes. Some needed changes include: 1) Changing classification from "experimental, non-essential" to "endangered" 2) Expand the current territory of the BRWRA and 3) expand the area for initial releases to anywhere within the BRWRA. Please please end the unnecessary killing of these beautiful predators!

Sincerely,

Erin Celona  
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## Comments:

Glad to see the efforts to  
wolves - reintroduce the  
I would learn more to  
know I can help.

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## Comments:

Wolves are considered  
By some spiritual  
Family. To kill them  
is as murdering  
ones Family.  
Please help the  
prevention of their  
Demise.  
By allowing their growth,  
we keep the natural  
Balance.  
Please help restore the  
Wolf.

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I SUPPORT THE CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE AS IT  
RELATES TO THE WOLF REINTRODUCTION PROJECT.

WOLVES ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN KEEPING DEER &  
ELK POPULATIONS IN BALANCE. COWS DO NOT

WOLVES GOOD  
COWS BAD!

DONNA CASSANO  
321 PASEO DEL FLAG  
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## Comments:

The Mexican gray wolves are endangered.

I think we should have restrictions on wolf dispersal and movements. Because the prey-predator relationship, the expansion of wolf may bring some problems.

The Recovery plan is great. But I think it should be revised, because everything is different now. Humans should stop killing and removing wolves.

We should expand the number of wolves in the wild population.

Protect our organization and our environment.

Everything we do should be consider our environment

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## Comments:

I am a strong supporter of a successful Mex. wolf reintroduction program, and I am very frustrated by the current state of the wolf population.

I endorse the recommendations of the Center for Biol. Diversity.

In particular, as a wildlife biologist, I feel that the wolves should be allowed to re-establish outside of the BRWA, and either ~~there~~ there should be more lenience toward wolf predation on livestock, OR a core area where livestock are prohibited must be established. Other successful wolf recovery programs have been more successful because there was a core area with total protection of the wolves, and without this, the Mex. wolf recovery will likely never be achieved.

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## Comments:

Expand wolf  
reintroduction  
to North  
Rim of Grand  
Canyon

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## Comments:

I am commenting in hopes that we can make changes to insure the success of the Mexican Gray Wolf Re Introduction project. The Rewilding Institute Center for Biological Diversity have recommended the following which I support. Classification follows from "experimental"

1. Change the classification from "experimental" to "essential" non-essential to experimental wolf dispersal + movements.

2. Eliminate all restrictions to wolf dispersal + movements.

3. Allow initial release ANYWHERE within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area.

4. STOP KILLING AND REMOVING WOLVES. This practice is obscene and unacceptable.

5. ~~Harvest~~ Livestock owners who have the privilege of using public lands must be required to clean up dead stock.

~~Overmanagement should be~~

Name: Robin Rauch

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**Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping**

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

You should allow wolves to expand their territory. They should not have to be restricted to one area specific to them. It is wrong to restrict the wolves' living space. They should be able to move around on what ever land they wish without having to be ~~re~~ relocated, with the possibility of potential harm to the animal. Please don't limit the wolves' environment. Eliminate all restrictions to the wolf dispersals and the movements.

Amy Underdal  
17925 W Canibean Ln  
SURPRISE, AZ 85386

Amy N. Underdal

**Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping**

Brian Millsap, State Administrator  
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New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office  
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I agree with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in allowing wolves to expand their territory. If they are let to live in their natural state I think they will be able to thrive well and make strong packs. Harming them by recapturing and ~~releasing~~ releasing them again only holds the wolves back from making any progress. On the other side I think that people have a right to protect there animals and if there dog is being attacked by a wolfe they should be allowed to protect their pets.

Joy Goodman

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

Brian Millsap, State Administrator  
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Albuquerque, NM 87113

I've been following the recovery of the Mexican Wolf for some time, and it is clear that the current plan is not working. There are many ways to remedy the situation:

1. Expand the BRWRA to include the secondary recovery area ~~and~~ allow for ~~the~~ initial releases anywhere within the area.
2. Eliminate restrictions to wolf dispersal + movements
3. Expand the number of wolves in the wild population
4. Offer incentives to ranchers to help minimize predation - Cash for proper guard dogs, calving pens, adequate fencing, etc. - and also increase the compensation amount for livestock taken.
5. Change the rule that says that wolves with 3 predations are killed or ~~are~~ removed.

Thank you -

Lynne Nemeth  
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Flagstaff, AZ 86004  
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## Comments:

Please take seriously the expressed wishes of the majority of AZ + NM voters that wolves be reintroduced into the Blue Range in a viable + scientific manner -

1. Require ranchers to practice good animal husbandry + remove carcasses left on public lands
2. seriously prosecute wolf killers - right now it is considered a joke when a wolf is killed as the killer will generally receive only a slap on the wrist,
3. reduce significantly the # of wolves "taken", revise the rule so to allow wolves even just a reasonable chance of recovery success
4. change the classification of Mexican wolves to endangered so to afford them the protection they need - and deserve
5. remember every time you make a decision that wolves are the natives, cattle are an imported, alien species responsible for much environmental degradation. This is why Thank you for opportunity

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## Comments:

WOLFS need with  
our help to be  
reintroduced, cows  
& cattle have some  
problems defending  
their young, it  
would be good if  
WOLFS could be  
introduced in other  
Areas

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Comments: We should do every thing possible to insure the survival of all species on the planet. Humans are much too arrogant in thinking that greed & selfishness are more important than the ecosystem we all share.

We now know that wolves are no threat to humans. How can we continue to deny them their habitat.

Cattle, on the other hand, have no real place in Arizona's, or indeed, any other deer environment.

Let us get real. We must share our earth with

all the species. Including the top predator, now almost totally lost, in our area. The Mexican wolf.

Name: Richard Causey

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## Comments:

1) The boundary of the BRWRA needs to be extended. The wolves should exist wherever they end up - similar to the introduction of Rocky Mountain elk throughout most of the state.

2) We need predators on the elk - as the elk are affecting the regeneration of most trees and shrubs in the State.

3) 1 of 2 release zones should be altered for best survival of the wolves

4) Let the wolves live in Central AZ.

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Street: ~~Forest Service~~

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## Comments:

I want to see the wolf recovery program work. It is important to expand the habitat-- the area listed as "secondary recovery" should become primary territory open to wolf dispersal.

Consider releases geared for a lower density of wolves since the abundance of acceptable prey is low and the availability of cattle is high. (By lower, I mean lower density than the Yellowstone Wolves).

I support the right of a dog owner to protect their dog, however pulling a gun could likely result in

injury to the dog or another human. Avoiding contact between dogs and wolves by restraining the dogs seems a better solution.

In summary--I strongly urge allowing wolves to disperse-- enlarging the allowed range to the entire Blue Range Area.

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**Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping**

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

I urge you to continue to ameliorate the rules and conditions related to the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction project. It is apparent that the program has had numerous disruptions and faced various obstacles. As your plan delineated in 1982, the need for captive breeding and reestablishment through the reintroduction of viable populations in the wild was a methodical and logical way to look at establishing the necessary populations and ecosystems. At this point it appears the wolf populations need to be classified as "endangered" to provide the necessary protections. This is essential for long-term recovery efforts.

In addition, a classification of "endangered" may provide the depth of protection needed to reduce the killing and removal of wolves from the regions. Revision of the recovery plan is important as well and great consideration should be given to expanding the territory for the wolves movements and range. They need to have access to the habitat that they may have used historically, as well as establishing habitat in areas which are logical given animal/human population standards. Working with ranchers and others who use these public lands is feasible and needs to be accomplished for all future efforts in regards to public land use; with the needs of growing populations and wildlife interface.

Thank you for your efforts,  
Peggy Sheldon-Simpson  
304 W. Juniper Ave.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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## Comments:

So summary:

① The focus must be

wolves, not cows!

② Allow and encourage

wolves to recolonize

all suitable areas in

both Arizona and New

Mexico.

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## Comments:

I don't think that owners of domestic pets have a right to shoot wolves if they eat a pet. People should keep their animals in and they are the ones who decided to live where they are essentially taking away land from this limited species. I think the recovery program sounds good... maybe the green area could be increased into other states; however there are so many states ~~that~~ which seem to make that hard to do, I do think the wolves should be able to establish a larger home base and form packs.

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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

Please work to save the Mexican Gray Wolf.  
I favor an expanded area of initial release and allowing  
wolves to expand their territory so that their numbers can  
increase beyond the 100 minimum objective of the BRWRA  
Livestock-wolf conflicts must be resolved in ways that keep  
wolves in the wild and makes progress towards reintroduction.

I am in favor of a strong plan to reintroduce  
wolves to the BRWRA. To this end, please  
change the classification from "experimental, non-essential" to  
"experimental-essential"

Thank you,  
Rodger Scurlock  
Rodger Scurlock  
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## Comments:

I am a student at NAU and fully support the reintroduction process that is going on today.

I believe that domestic owners should not be granted the right to shoot the Mexican grey wolves if their pets are attacked. I also think that the wolves should be granted further

protection in the Experimental area, and that this site should be monitored more closely. I also think that the definition of "harassment" be further defined, in order to give a clearer definition as to what ~~people~~ behavior people can engage in with the wolves.

I have heard that some people use dead cattle

carcasses to tempt wolves so that they can shoot them. I think that this type of behavior is unfair and should be stopped by having severe consequences for this type of behavior towards the wolves. I am also concerned about what will happen to the wolves once their population increases. I think a long-term plan needs to be laid out to prepare for future bigger population increases and how this will be handled.

Name: Chaire Ramirez

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## Comments:

I believe that the Mexican Gray Wolf must have the designation of "essential" species. If that were the case, policies would be put in place that insure a self-sustaining population of at least 100 wolves in the wild. One such policy would be that wolves would have access to life in their historic range including the Mallopa Rim and greater Flagstaff area. Restricting the wolves to Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area disrupts packs and thwarts natural expansion.

Probably the main problem with the current management rules is wolf predation of livestock. Ranchers should be required to work with reintroduction staff to minimize the opportunity for wolf livestock interactions.

We should teach our children to appreciate the natural balance of ecosystems of which wolves are a part.

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Comments: Wolves are needed in the balance of nature. The current failure of Mexican wolf recovery is due to a cadre of Catron County culprits. The wolves are packers, restorers. They could help the poor New Mexico economy - my research w/ Yellowstone wolf recovery indicates wolves attract humans + dollars to wolf country - to the tune of a \$300 million a year in Yellowstone country. The wolf could boost the economy New Mexico economy much more than trophy hunting led by failing

Writers who need their cattle on public lands.

Restore the wolf, BUT consider human factors - Northern Arizona Ranchers + Tribes Hopi, Diné, Paiute, Navajo, Be more supportive than Catron County Wolf Work

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## Comments:

I am in favor of continuing the wolf reintroduction program. I hope that all decisions about how the current program is changed will be science based.

I think that wolves in the Blue Range Recovery Area should be allowed to disperse and I hope they will eventually find their way into northern Arizona,

I am in favor of changing the classification to experimental, essential or endangered.

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**Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping**

Brian Millsap, State Administrator  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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2105 Osuna NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

I noticed on the map of the BRWRA that there is an area that is broken off from the rest of the ~~BRWRA~~ larger grouping of the BRWRA. Because this area is across from a highway, I believe that the Wolves should have a safe route to cross Roadways. Not only should the wolves have an expanded area in their territory, but they should also have safe passage across roadways! They need a wildlife corridor for safe passage of both animals, not only wolves, & of drivers. I would not want to hit any animal, especially a wolf! Please revise the recovery plan. if the wolves can not even spread out safely, how are they going to be successfully introduced!

Stephanie Russo  
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## Comments:

Please continue  
with the re-introduction  
of the Mexican gray wolf-  
back into the wild. They  
deserve to live here as  
do humans. They are a  
natural ~~predator~~ predator  
that we need to balance  
things out.

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## Comments:

- It is clear under the current guidelines the BRWA reintroduction project is a failure. The existing rules should be changed to include
1. wolves that leave the BRWA should not be captured. The science has shown that wolves need a larger range than the BRWA allows.
  2. Ranchers must be required to remove livestock carcasses. If the carcasses are not removed they ~~actually~~ create a bait for wolves being captured or killed.
  3. ~~increase~~ increase the wolf population
  4. Change the classification to experimental essential. Changing and improving the BRWA guidelines and rules and classifications will not only help the project to ~~succeed~~ succeed, it will insure the survival of the Mexican grey wolf. In turn, the survival of this important predator will help improve the elk and deer populations of the southwestern United States.

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## How to Submit Comments

Written comments accompanied by name and address will become part of the formal record of the scoping process. While you may provide your ideas verbally during the meeting, we want to make sure your input is formally captured in your own words.

You may submit written comments in three ways:

- Fill out the comment portion of this brochure and leave it in the drop box
- Take the brochure with you and return it by mail
- Provide comments via e-mail. For your convenience, you can do that here at the computer station, or visit [www.mexicanwolfeis.org](http://www.mexicanwolfeis.org)
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## Comments:

- Please expand the release area to include the experimental recovery area as well. They need more range to expand their numbers.

- Require ranchers to remove carcasses of dead cattle to reduce the possibility of wolves developing a taste for bison meat.

- Just as the release wolves are conditioned to avoid humans, create a program that will condition the animals to also avoid cattle or sheep.

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

Brian Millsap, State Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Millsap,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the recommendations to alter and expand your agency regulations in such a way that the wolf recovery program in NM and AZ might have a greater chance to succeed.

First, I ask that you ~~expand~~ include a "conservation alternative" that changes the classification from non-essential ~~to~~ essential or endangered.

Second, the wolves must be allowed to expand their territory and not restricted from natural dispersal and movement. Wolves were meant to roam. By moving toward the objective of 100 wolves they will need to expand their range.

Third, help reduce conflicts with ranchers by requiring the removal of livestock carcasses (or render them inedible) so the wolves do not develop a taste for livestock (which in turn, provides the rancher w/ justification to shoot the wolves).

Fourth, update the recovery plan. Define recovery objectives and methods better. Rule changes should not preclude future recovery actions.

Lastly, expand the number of wolves in the wild population & keep future recovery options open. I'm a big supporter of wolves in the wild & hope we, through your efforts, can make a difference.

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Teresa Newberry's ENVSCI class

WAFU student - Sarah Lambros in

Setting boundaries for wildlife is a selfish way to impose our politics upon them. Expanding the wolf's territory is essential to the species well being. Without adequate space the species will not survive because each pack requires vast amounts of space. Humans in this territory need to reassess the way they use the land in order to allow the grey wolf to reside here as well. Though it may be hard to accept the wolves were here first and deserve this land, I will give up my beef and my home for the grey wolf.

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WISA Sokolowski -

- It has come to my attention that the Recovery Plan is out of Date. It has not even been revised for 25 years! What is happening to the wolves? What if other laws had not been looked at where would we be today? It is really important to take it into consideration.
- The wolves are crossing these invisible "boundries" and then are subjected to being killed. How does the wolf know this boundry? It is only venturing out to find new prey & homes. This is something we should strongly consider!!
- Expand the areas!

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Arizona Game and Fish Department

To whom it May Concern,

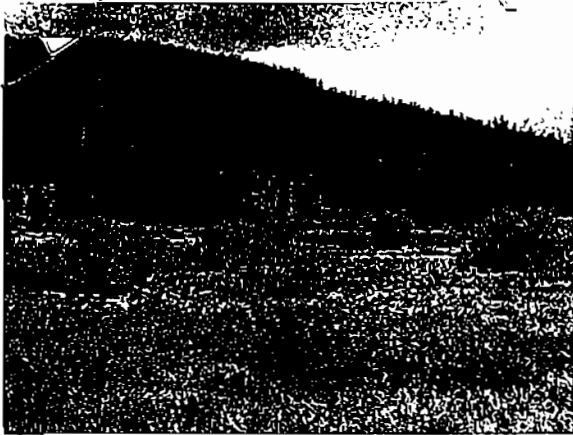
The argument over wolf reintroduction seems so very absurd and yet necessary. Absurd because in a democracy the individual has one vote and yet a very small group of individuals hold such sway over the management of my public lands. The very group, be it an extreme minority, has diminished through it's activity the carrying capacity of much, if not most of the west public lands. They have with government sanction and tax subsidies performed genocide of our wildlife legacy. The wolf is at the heart of the conflict. We as taxpayers funded a war on the wolf.

Most of our grasslands and their inherent capacity to support wildlife are in poor shape due to grazing and fire suppression. Sixty percent of the endangered species on our public lands are due in part to grazing. The cost in dollars from revenue lost from such activities as, recreation, watchable wildlife, hunting and fishing are enormous.

Now we are asked to pay for a program to reintroduce what we have destroyed. My father taught me, I should clean up after myself and be responsible for my actions. Ranchers fuel the war on the wolf using tax dollars. Maybe they should pay for the reintroduction of the wolf.

The vast majority of Americans see the wolf desirable and an integral member of our natural world. In a democracy the wishes of the people will be realized.

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**AT TODAY'S MEETING you have the opportunity to:**

- Review information about Mexican gray wolves and the current reintroduction process
- View a 5-minute presentation describing why we are considering changes to the reintroduction process. This presentation will be made every 15 minutes with the last showing 15 minutes before the end of the meeting.
- Talk one-on-one with agency representatives; ask questions and provide information
- Submit your formal written comments
- Sign up to receive updates on the process

All of the information presented at this meeting is at [www.mexicanwolfeis.org](http://www.mexicanwolfeis.org).

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Alexa Scott -

The recommendation that came to my attention was to revise the recovery plan. Seeing that it has not been revised in 25 years really caught my eye. I feel we need to look at this plan and update it. They can make and revise laws every day in the government for other things why has this law not been looked at for so long, things need to change right now.

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November 25, 2007

Dear Arizona Game and Fish:

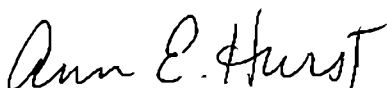
I believe wild animals are part of our Earth's great ecosystems. Animals, insects, and humans have been coexisting for thousands of years. The balance between the various forms of life and our environment is fragile and precious. For me, this balance is worth maintaining and fighting for. The Mexican grey wolf is part of this delicate ecosystem.

A month ago, I read that the Mexican grey wolf has adapted well to hunting elk in Arizona and New Mexico. The wolf has been successful despite its smaller size and its previous smaller deer prey. It is making every effort to survive in its new habitat. I admire that quality.

Unfortunately, cats, cattle and dogs are also the wolf's prey at times. Yet, when my beloved cat was killed by a coyote near our home, that didn't mean I believed that coyotes should be exterminated. I grieved that loss for weeks but came to understand the bigger picture of nature - that the coyote was also making every effort to survive.

The Mexican grey wolf belongs here in the Southwest. I will continue to support keeping it part of our great ecosystem, just as I support the wolves in Yellowstone through Defenders of Wildlife.

Sincerely,



Ann E. Hurst

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