

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to share my thoughts about the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf.

I am Jan Tarr, a Socorro resident, an RN, & a diabetes nurse educator. When I worked at Socorro General Hospital, & before cutbacks, I provided homecare to parts of Catron County extending to Reserve.

Some of the patients I saw were part of the ranching community. Their hard scrabble toughness was born of endlessly harsh living conditions -- the loss of logging combined with cattle raising in an arid land. Because I was from the "larger city" & a good listener, they would sometimes talk to me of their tough lives, but instead of looking at the larger picture of living in an area that is marginal for agriculture, they would blame environmentalists and/or the government for restrictions. I believe that the wolf is a scapegoat for their frustration of a history of hard scrabble choices.

I also strongly believe that the wolf belongs back in its natural habitat -- I can hardly read ~~and~~ the continuing newspaper articles of disappearing wolves, shot wolves, recaptured wolves. They have a right to be there. A history of extermination does not mean that early 19th century thinking has to be current policy.

I use the Gila, also. I have hiked into the wilderness from the cliff dwellings, Snow Lake, from outside Mogollon -- and even paid the late Mr. Hulsey (sp) \$5.00 to park my car @ his house to hike in. I have been on the Middle Fork over New Year's, to Reed's peak in the fall, to the hot springs up from ^{the} Little Bear trail. ~~And~~ Once I found an entire decayed pot in a cave.

I believe the wolf belongs back in its habitat. As a consumer & lover of all things wild, I believe

wolf reintroduction speaks to our understanding that healthy ecosystems require diversity.

The early settlers of western NM saw land in terms of economic sustenance - but the communities & ranches now need to court industry & lifestyles changes that focus away from land depletion. I believe the wolf is NOT the real problem in a land that is marginal for agriculture.

I have never presented my beliefs about the wolf program to any program before - however, my sadness over the wolf reintroduction is so painful to read about, I thought it was time to express myself.

Thank you!

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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Comments for the Mexican gray wolf
recovery program:

- Allow wolves to create their own territory.
How can a natural wolf population grow if the wolves aren't allowed to do what they do naturally? Continuing to control their territory and how it grows is not letting the wolves be truly wild!

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Brian-

I am a junior ~~at~~ in high school here in Socorro. Although I do not know too much about this issue, I do know one thing: that the wolves were here first. I think that people need to respect that. People in this world get so caught up in their jobs and their "artificial" lives full of airplanes, cars, cities, etc. We forget that we came from the natural world, from nature, and that we have strong ties to the environment. That is why it is important that we protect the wolves.

Thank you for your time,

Ellen Astor

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Comments:

One of the biggest problems is armchair ranching-- if they'd do good old-fashioned herding it would improve the health of the land and they'd make more money. And this is not just conjecture.

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Comments:

- more wolves
- less people
- less grazing on public lands
- more water
- more fish

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December 1, 2007

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Attention: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

Dear Mr. Millsap,

I am writing in support of all efforts to reintroduce the Mexican Gray Wolf into natural habitats in New Mexico. I request that you immediately implement the following inclusions into the current rule:

- 1) Designate the classification of these animals as "experimental, essential" or "endangered" to provide maximum protection.
- 2) Increase habitat boundaries dramatically as necessary to allow wolf population expansion.
- 3) Expand and enhance the initial release program throughout the Blue Range in order to create a larger genetic selection.
- 4) Creatively solve the ongoing livestock-wolf conflicts on public land.
- 5) End the "Take" allowance under current rules.
- 6) Revise the old Recovery Plan to reflect the policy of full recovery.
- 7) Increase the wild population to at least 100 individuals and 18 active breeding pairs.
- 8) Design all rule changes appropriate to an open and expandable plan.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is not currently fulfilling its mission with regard to the full recovery of the Mexican Gray Wolf on public lands in New Mexico. Seemingly, only enough is being done to create the appearance of compliance with the Endangered Species Act. As we watch the increasing pace of development in New Mexico, it is vital that all individuals and agencies work to ensure the protection, preservation, and advancement of our natural heritage before we reach the point of no return.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ellen S. Rippel

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Mr Millsap

I have already written comments on another letter but I want to reiterate my support for a "conservation alternative" that would change the wolf classification from experimental, non-essential to experimental essential to give wolves more protection.

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in west
Eight years ago I left the Cement Confines of the East to absorb a more natural environment. To me, the wolves are part of that environment. "In the

"Reverence of mother Earth's garden" (in the film) expressed what I would like to see accomplished in wolf reintroduction. As a species we have shown so little regard for nature - whether flora or fauna. We seem to feel all must submit to our whims instead of finding harmony and balance. (The hunting of wolves by airplane - hello Alaska) is barbaric and certainly not sport (nor is dog fighting)

Cocke fighting: such believers must have been in Pandora's box!) Preserve the wolves - and their haunting song!

This is an emotional response, I know, but there is room in our world for such.

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Comments:

I lived on the eastside of the river with BLM surrounding us. I love to ride horse. Most people that I know would enjoy seeing something else besides cows & cow manure. Must Ranchers have second jobs & cattle ranching is something to do on weekends. I don't think wiping out an endangered species to give cowboys something to do in their spare ~~time~~ is right.

I lived on a dairy farm 600 cows milked 3x a day. So I am not a city person. But it seems to me that N.M. could find some room for an endangered species.

BLM belong to everyone not just a few

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