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- do not put pet owners on same level as livestock owners, i.e. no way should they be able to shoot an endangered species

Comments:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the Wolf Recovery Program. For several years I have supported the wolf recovery program financially and ethically. In response to the past several years of blunders and poor decision-making, ~~NL~~^{by FWS} would like to make the following points:

- Requiring ranchers who use public lands to remove carcasses of livestock that die for various reasons so that wolves are less likely predate on hamburge
- list wolves as "endangered" under the ESA
- shift the focus of FWS ~~to~~ ^{to} wolf survival ~~to~~ ^{to} wolf biologists and recovery. Include pro-wolf biologists in this effort

- allow wolves to roam and expand their territory beyond the B R W CA

- expand the area for initial releases to any where within the Blue Range Recovery Area to allow for genetic augmentation in NM

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Ceanne Alvine

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• 1,000 CAHFF OFF PUBLIC LANDS - time to end it!

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Comments: As a biologist, and a former USFS employee at the Alpine Ranger District, I applaud the far-sighted vision of Dave Cagle in regards to establishing a viable and self-sustaining population of Mexican Grey wolves in the A/S and Gila Forest regions. This policy will be ultimately beneficial to the prey populations by strengthening the genetic pool and the human population by potential future hunting possibilities (wolf) and economic benefits from enhanced tourist visitation and scientific research done in the area.

This wolf recovery program is in the best interest of the owners of this resource area (U.S. citizens) -- in the best interest of a healthy ecosystem.

Thanks!

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Comments:

I fully support the recovery of the Mexican Grey wolf.

I am excited that people are better educated and it seems ~~that~~ that the need for wolves in

the wild is well agreed upon. However,

confining wolves to areas with "invisible" boundaries seems to hinder the wolves in doing their jobs to balance which the environment. We've made a mistake

thinking that we know better than they do what they need to survive. They need to be free to set up prey and as they territories need. Thank you.

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Comments:

I really like what you guys are doing. and it's interesting that you involve people on this energy but i will like only a little thing. I'll love to be a volunteer.

Name: Bernice Dernal

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Comments:

Comprameze! Ranchers
should rethink their options.

1. Keep their pets away from
wolves. -- duh!!

2. Wolves should be #1
priority

3. Depend on wildlife (embrace ranches) for
lost wolves.

4. Ranchers don't lose that many cattle.

Look at the big picture!

5. The big picture is the
survival of the planet &
ecosystem. The wolves
are part of that big picture.

DH
Ken

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Comments:

I could be overly simplifying things I'm sure, but it seems to me that many of the issues presented could be helped if the recovery area was expanded and/or other areas (in other states?) were used for recovery zones. Definitions should definitely be clarified so everyone, biologists and residents, are on the same page. As a pet owner, part of me thinks people should have the right to protect their animal, however I don't think compensation should be in effect as for the "harrasment methods", they may be limited but if they are enough to deter the wolves then I don't see the need to push the limits.

If the goal of this program is to recover the population, the wolves should be allowed to travel beyond the recovery zone to

start recovery with such Name: SARINA PARNA
a limited space, it's like of Street: 5440 So ROBIN AVE
having a large wolf zoo

Something: they should be allowed to regain their natural City, State, Zip: TULSON, AZ
range, ~~recovery~~ I-E they're allowed 85746
to expand, perhaps livestock
attacks will drop as the
wolves will be less concentrated,
less trapped

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Slown
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office
2105 Osuna NE
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from: Marcus Jernigan
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Dear Mr. Slown,

As a native Arizonan who cares about the health of the state's ecosystems I feel it is very important to have viable Mexican gray wolf populations in the Southwest Bioregion.

I believe that Mexican gray wolves in Arizona and New Mexico should be designated as an endangered species so that its populations can be managed with recovery as the principal goal.

Given the fact that wolves require large areas for effective hunting in the wild, the species should be allowed to roam freely outside of the boundaries of the present Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA).

Multiple areas should be used for initial wolf releases within the ~~to~~ BRWRA to increase the chance for population viability.

To help keep wolves away from livestock, carcasses of domestic animals should be required to be removed by their owners.

Only wolves that consistently exhibit highly problematic behavior should be eligible for taxing so that a population of 100+ wolves can be reached in the BRWRA.

No set maximum number of wolves in the Southwest should be set so that flexibility exists for reaching greater levels of recovery.

Sincerely,
Marcus Jernigan

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Slown
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DEC. ~~NOV.~~ 7, 2007

DEAR MR. SLOWN:

THIS IS TO ASK THAT THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FULFILL ITS MANDATE UNDER FESA TO "RECOVER" MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES, AND TO AMEND THE RULE TO 1) INCLUDE A "CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE," GIVING WOLVES GREATER PROTECTION; 2) ALLOW WOLVES TO EXPAND THEIR TERRITORY; 3) EXPAND THE AREA FOR INITIAL RELEASE WITHIN THE BLUE RANGE; 4) RESOLVE LIVESTOCK - WOLF CONFLICTS IN WAYS TO KEEP WOLVES IN THE WILD; 5) REVISE THE RECOVERY PLAN, AND KEEP FUTURE RECOVERY OPTIONS OPEN; AND 6) STOP KILLING WOLVES: REDUCE "TAKE," TO EXPAND THE NUMBERS OF WOLVES IN THE WILD POPULATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,
Marguerite Swift
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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

Brian Millsap, State Administrator
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Brigitte Kreiserhater
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Greetings! I am writing to ask you to please help the Mexican wolf by making a few important changes to the Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction Project.

One change that can be made is to change the classification of the BRWRA wolf population from "experimental, non-essential" to "experimental, essential". This population is essential to the recovery of this species.

Another important change is to allow wolves to expand their territory. These animals ~~require~~ require a lot of space. Having more space would also allow for an expansion in the number of wolves in the area.

Resolving wolf-livestock conflicts is also needed. Currently, ranchers are not required to remove dead livestock. This can lead to problems as wolves may be attracted to these carcasses which can possibly lead them to prey upon live livestock. Requiring ranchers to remove dead animals would help this situation.

Thank you very much!

— Brigitte Kreiserhater

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Slown
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Mr. Slown:

Please (1) include a conservation alternative to give wolves more protection; (2) allow expansion of wolf territory; (3) allow initial release of genetically critical wolves; (4) stop the wolf "take" and reduce killing & removal of wolves; (5) allow expansion of the number of wolves in the wild; (6) revise the Recovery Plan so that real recovery is possible; and conduct meetings with ranches to help them devise strategies for co-existence with wolves.

I have been in the cattle business for over 30 years and would not be opposed to the presence of wolves on our ranch near the AZ/NM border.

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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To whom it may concern:

I am a public school teacher and I have supported the reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolf from its inception.

I am disappointed in how this program has continued. I ~~would~~ insist that changes be made.

- ① re-evaluate how ranchers are using public lands for grazing.
- ② require ranchers to clean up deadstock
- ③ expand the number of wolves in the wild population.

④ allow wolves to expand their territory

I do not believe that the program was a failure. It needs to be revised and a Conservation Alternative be introduced.

Thank you. ~~Trinity~~ Marana Resident

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

Dec. 7, 2007
Tucson

Although I live in Pintop Lakeside during the winter (which is very close to the Blue Mountains), our local media and the local Game & Fish do little to educate the general population about Mexican gray wolves. As with most causes, knowledge is the basis for making intelligent, rational, long-term decisions. If we aren't kept informed of a local issue, imagine what little information is available to nonlocal people.

The reclassification to "experimental, essential" would be a simple way to address the inertia by bureaucracy. Expanding the release and roaming areas would help these creatures. If ranchers were tried to clean up carcasses of their livestock so as not to attract hungry wolves, that would be a commonsense dictate. After all, wolves feed on elk and/or deer. And only hybrid wolves (wolf dogs) have ever been a threat to people.

Adrienne Lapella
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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Slown
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ATTN:
Mexican Gray Wolf
NEPA Scoping.

I support full efforts to recover the Mexican Gray Wolves for many reasons. I have had the honor of two separate sightings of wolves in the Hannon meadows area. I have also spent time in the Blue Range area in hopes of seeing more.

I believe wolves are essential to the maintenance of a healthy eco-system, and need to be classified as the essential creatures they are.

Their territory needs to expand so their genetic diversity can reach a healthy level, and all areas they have formerly lived in can benefit from them. This includes releasing them anywhere within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. Stop allowing ranchers to decide the needs of our public lands. Wolves should not be killed. So ranchers take to O. Update the recovery plan, allow more wolves to be in the wild population, and prepare the way for more future recovery by keeping the options open. Eco tourism w/ wolf recovery is very cool.

Sarah Forrester

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Comments:

Public lands are
ours! 99.999999%
of U.S. Corporate
holding fronts for
grazing account
for .00001%
of U.S.

Grazed vs Non Grazed
From the air is
right & day. Life
and Death defined
by that stark
fence line. That is
our lives too.

No Public "grazing"
destroying the flesh
of the Earth, our

Flesh.

The Natural
Balance re-established
and protected so
that it may live
and breathe -
for US.

Thank you
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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Slown
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Albuquerque, NM 87113

Matthew Dawels
1727 E. Sprigg St.
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It appears that the current recovery plan for ~~the~~ Mexican gray wolves in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area is not working. This area is essential for the recovery of the Mexican gray wolf. Certain measures need to be taking to ensure the recovery of this important top predator species which is vital for a healthy ecosystem.

1. The wolves must be allowed to expand their territory and be allowed to disperse beyond the recovery area.
2. Dead livestock needs to be removed from the land to keep wolves from scavenging as these carcasses ~~and~~ which makes the wolves ^{more} attracted to other cattle.
3. No maximum number of wolves should be set. 100 wolves is a minimum. Would 100 humans work to ensure our survival? No, absolutely not.

Please take these considerations in mind when you make your decisions and remember the USFWS is suppose to protect endangered species.

Sincerely,
Matthew Dawels
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Comments:

1. Sustainability - Coyotes range all over AZ N.M. and we do not have major issues. Why is it such an issue that wolves are allowed to range free - 2. Trapping is taking the wolves out of the wild is not in the best interests - The zone is too small - 3. Let the dispersal - Coyote releases in rechecked area, but let them go - 4. make "kills" as costly that the wolf not want to eat cattle - 5. F.I.D. "Pack" VS Rancher - Practice that = Penetration - adversarial practice - Condition response to more wolves stay away from cows.

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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

Dear Mr. Millsap,

I have enjoyed hiking and camping in the Blue Range for 15 years. I was thrilled with the establishment of Mexican Gray Wolves in this area. I urge you to continue protection these animals and their habitat and to classify the Blue Range wolf ~~recovery~~ recovery area to "Endangered". Indeed I think this area, should be expanded! I am certain conflict with ranchers using public land, should be mediated to reduce the number of wolves killed in "take" rules. This land is a National Preserve and should be viewed as a precious and finite resource.

yours sincerely

Michael Harding
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Susan Platte
2926 E. Leston St.
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December 7th, 2007

I continue to be appalled by the attitude of the USFWS towards the recovery of the wolf. The Mexican Gray Wolf is endangered. It is your mission to protect wildlife - not limit it because of vocal ranchers whose cattle graze on public lands at the expense of the environment... yet another example of corporate welfare, supported by the current Administration.

It is imperative that something be done NOW!

- List the wolf as endangered.
- Expand their territory so they may freely graze on public land.
- Bring the number of wolves back to a realistically sustainable number - 500 - and increase the gene pool.
- Charge ranchers for grazing on public land. Fine them for carcasses strewn across our lands.
- Stop the killing of wolves for purposes of culling, because of predation, or any other reason.
- Make the killing of wolves, cougars, bears or other natural predators a crime.

- Write an optimistic recovery plan. One that recognizes the rights of wolves & the limits of people to destroy nature, habitat and wildlife.
- Recognize that the universe does not revolve around beef, cowboys and local politicians.
- Whittle away the silly bureaucracy of wolf management

The wolf is our test. If we save it, we get to keep the planet.

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

John Sloan
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Tucson
12/7/2007

Mr Sloan:

As taxpayers and property owners in the Show Low area we are very concerned and dismayed by the apparent lack of positive management in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery area. Last year I went to a wolf management meeting at Hon Dah expecting a reasoned discussion facilitated by USFWS. Instead, although interesting ~~scientific~~ scientific data was presented, it was apparent that USFWS had already made a political decision basically along the lines of what the well-organized ranchers wanted. When the representative of Defenders of Wildlife rose to speak, he was summarily told to shut up by the political leadership of USFWS. As a citizen and taxpayer I was shocked and dismayed by the official prohibition of divergent points of view.

So at this time there are several things the USFWS should do
- Expand the wolf territory so that if wolves stray (over)

from the limited B R W R A they will have some protection.

- change the classification to "endangered" or at least "experimental essential". Congress allows this, so do it!
- Recognize that ranchers are partly using public land that is not their private property. Ranchers are already compensated for wolf-caused losses so they ranchers must show some accountability and quickly remove dead stock before wolves can scavenge them. If ranchers kill any wolves, the ranchers should be required to pay of a fee of 5% of the entire wolf recovery program costs.
- In sum, wolf management should be changed to increase both the number of wolves and their range. In order to be self-sustaining, the number of wolves needs to be at least twice the current number in the wild.
- Most importantly, rule changes should not limit recovery options.

Thank you for your consideration.

480-947-1060

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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P.O. Box 70451
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December 7, 2007

Dear Mr. Slown,

I am writing to recommend the following changes in the Mexican wolf recovery Program. First, the number of wolves in the wild needs to be expanded to become a self-sustaining, viable population. To accomplish this, wolf release areas should be expanded into New Mexico as well as in Arizona. Territories where wolves may roam in the wild should also be expanded; expecting wolves to contain themselves within human-drawn boundaries is unrealistic.

Secondly, the potential for livestock predation by wolves can be addressed proactively to avoid conflicts. If requirements for ranchers to remove livestock carcasses from public lands were enforced, wolf predation on livestock would be greatly decreased, eliminating the

need for wolf removal and killing by those officials who are tasked with protecting wolves.

Finally, for the wolf recovery program to succeed, it is crucial to reclassify the Blue Range population of Mexican gray wolves as "essential" to the recovery of this endangered subspecies. This reclassification would provide wolves with the level of protection they need, and safeguard the success of your wolf recovery program.

As a long-term resident of New Mexico and Arizona, I have frequently enjoyed the opportunity to share wilderness areas with other recreationists and with the many species that make these areas their home. Restoring wolves to wild areas not only enhances people's experience of wilderness; it also strengthens natural habitats by creating ecological balance.

Thank you for your concern

Sincerely,
Rubin Dill

Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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12/7/07 ✓

Please consider the dire situation of the Mexican Gray Wolf. I believe we need expansion of wolf territory outside of the set boundaries in order to allow the wolves to prosper. In addition, we need the ability to release the wolves directly into the wild in New Mexico.

Education of local ranchers is imperative to species survival as many wolves are converted from natural prey to that of rancher's assets through improper disposal of livestock carcasses.

The loss of the Mexican Gray Wolf would be a travesty to this world and its future offspring.

Thank you, Anna Sou

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Attn: Mexican Gray Wolf NEPA Scoping

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Susan Shuman
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Dear Mr. Millsap ~

I attended the Houdah wolf recovery conference last year and was appalled by the attitude of the staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service toward people who came to speak on behalf of wolves, such as the young man from Defenders of Wildlife Wolves. The staff of USFWS summarily cut him off - very rudely!

As a taxpayer and homeowner in Show Low, AZ, I had come to Houdah with high hopes for the recovery of this beautiful species. Instead, I left in disgust knowing that the USFWS was in bed with the good ol' boy ranchers.

It's disturbing enough that wolves are being threatened and shot, but I under-

stand that now people are being threatened. What kind of (or lack of) leadership foments this behavior?! Now, I am all for the wolf. I've stopped eating beef. I want the ranchers and good ol' boys to compensate the pro-wolf alliance for every wolf that dies. As a taxpayer, I insist:

1. I want the wolf classified as endangered.
2. Lift all restrictions on wolf movements and dispersal. Corral the Cows!
3. Expand the release areas to create a large genetic pool. A population of 100 wolves is a pitance.
4. Charge ranchers for the use of my public lands and fine them for the carcasses that litter our public lands. Since wolves can't distinguish between an elk and a cow, allow them at least 3 cows per year & compensate the rancher. After the 3rd cow, relocate the wolf.
5. Make it a felony to kill an endangered species. "Beef" up (pun) patrols of wolf killers.
6. Amend the recovery plan to protect the wolf with sincere efforts.
7. Do not limit future options for this magnificent prot...

It comes to our bla...

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Brian,
I've lived in the Southwest for 35 years. Spent much time, mostly in low impact, wild areas. These are precious ^{just as} they are the ^{pristine} reservoirs of all life, including us. The natural balance is the only balance. It must be interfered with as little as possible, large areas, not just commercial waste areas, must be preserved. Permanently. I grew up on a farm ranch with cattle. They are not my life but I have some understanding of the way of life. Even so, I do not believe in Public Grazing Lands. Deeper analysis of these relationships are never conflicting. Restore and maintain the natural balance for your great grandchildren ahead.

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Just a quick point. Flying about
at low levels always reveals,
and so, an ugly truth.

Grazing. The fenced boundaries
between grazing - non grazing
define night and day? Life and

Death, in truth. Brian. I am
thank you

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Fundamentally, I grew up on a farm
with cattle. There are no life but
I have some understanding of the way
of life. Even so, I do not believe in
Public Grazing lands. Do you agree?
of the relationships are never constant.
Restore and maintain the natural balance
for you great grand children

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TO USF&WS -

Once again I'm writing comments re: This introduction, or re-intro, of our wolves. I must say, this is getting old. The wolves will do just fine if we'd leave them alone - & it would cost us much less (ie. you wouldn't get so much negative feedback about the expense of this program).

So in order to have a successful program:

- 1) Make ranchers protect their own investment. They should have the burden of proof re: predation - AND they need to be forced to do their own preventive measures (stay with their herds). Even if we allowed direct killing of wolves as they are attacking, there would be much less loss of wolf life than now. What you have to do is force them to hire FWS or impartial witnesses to cowboy with them. Then if depredation happens, the witness can provide the proof. If no proof, then it's a crime & enforcement needs to happen.
- 2) Let wolves go where they need to go to be viable population. No more absurd boundaries that trigger a wolf roundup. People need to change our behavior to prepare for keeping a wild wolf WILD.
- 3) Get rid of "Wildlife Services" & dump the wolf kill program. Use these guys instead to be burden of proof people (however many are biased against wolves & for ranchers)
- 4) Dump experimental/non-essential. I never understood how the "non-essential" ones are not needed to our Mexican wolf. They are absolutely essential →

All of Them

5) Need to expand wolf reintro. into NM into scientifically ^{proven areas} & historically ^{already proposed} used areas. What happened to New Mex? FWS job is to get those wolves on the ground & then protect the wolves; not the damn cows. Since when did US FWS change jobs - with our tax dollars! You do not represent the small percentage of ranchers more than the 70-80% of SW people who (in surveys) want wild wolves. Make the ranchers do their own work to protect their herds. If they can't then maybe this arid area is just not viable for domestic grazing?! We want deer, pronghorn & elk instead. And prairie dogs, Black-footed Ferrets, coyotes & foxes & the whole gamut of wild natives.

6) Why did the brochure you handed out not have one picture or drawing of a wolf & instead featured cows & their owner on a horse! That is a perfect example of what you view as your jobs!

7) you need to prioritize enforcement - get more people in the field to discourage the shoot shovel shut-up faction. If officers were in the field, many things could be accomplished. Provides more eyes & ears for law-breakers, provides opportunity for FWS to talk to public out in the field, quicker response time for depredation complaints.

8) In all your display tonight, not one of them explains the role of the wolf in the eco-system or describes much about the social structure of wolf populations. Display seem to all be oriented toward the problems of wolf reintro, instead of celebrating that altho they had been removed from the wild since 1978 they still innately knew how to survive in the wild. But they can't seem to build up their numbers because we kill them! For ranching!

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Hello -

I woke up one morning on the edge of Bear
Wallow Wilderness because I heard a howl
I had never heard before. My partner + I
looked at each other, smiled as we realized we
were listening to a wolf. Since that
moment we have seen wolves in the Blue
Primitive Area. And in Yellowstone.

Please change the classification to endangered
in order to give wolves more protection.

Please work to expand wolf territory as well as
where wolves can be released.

Please work to resolve livestock - wolf conflicts
in a manner that keep wolves healthy, wild +
with plenty of room to move.

Please stop killing + removing wolves.

Please release more wolves.

Please work to keep ^{the} wolf program healthy, viable, self-sustaining + increasing in numbers.

Sincerely,

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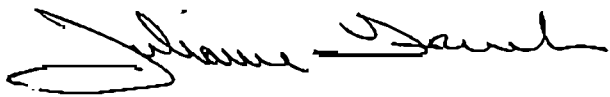
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This letter is to comment on the Mexican Gray Wolf
I ask the following:

- 1) Classify the Mexican Gray Wolves as endangered or experimental essential to get wolves more protection. Give some Mgmt priority of grazing + off road vehicle
 - 2) Eliminate all restrictions to wolf dispersal + movements. Arbitrary boundaries result in injuries. The Fish + Game should be in the recovery of wolves, not prevent dispersal of wolves
 - 3) Expand initial releases to anywhere within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. They are restricted to AZ + this severely limits the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area.
 - 4) Resolve livestock-wolf conflicts in way that keep wolves in the wild + achieve progress toward reintroduction objectives.
 - 5) STOP Killing + removing wolves. The current take precludes achievement of reintroduction
 - 6) Revise the Recovery Plan. It is 25 years old. FWS to trying to change the rule before recovery has been defined
 - 7) Expand the number of wolves in the wild population. No maximum should be set for the number of wolves
 - 8) Keep future recovery options open. Eliminate any provision that would limit future options for Recovery of wolves outside current boundaries
- Most/more public citizen support wolves the livestock/hunter oppose. Management of public lands should be for the

benefit of the public interest and greater good.
I urge the US Fish & Wildlife to implement the
points outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,



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I am a "snowbird" from Shaker Heights, Ohio, who has spent winters in Tucson for 10 years. In December, 1998, I travelled to Hannigan meadows near Alpine, for my first look at the Blue Range Wolf Recovery area. It was a happy three days of exploring the terrain where the endangered Mexican wolf was on the brink of reclaiming part of its historic habitat, with the help of the US Fish and Wildlife Service!

I feel passionately that the Mexican wolf should re-take its place in the wild areas of the Southwest, much as the grey wolf has in the Northwest US. Ecologically speaking, that would be a big plus!

Sadly, ~~the~~ ^{mexican} wolf reintroduction, begun almost 10 years ago, is not the success I had hoped for, nor is the wolf Recovery Plan working, as it is presently structured. Instead of the goal of a 100+ wild population by 2006, including 18 breeding pairs, less than 2/3 of that number now exists in the wild.

As the Mexican wolf is an endangered species its recovery plan should be designed in such a way as to treat it as endangered: any recovery plan should be considered as "essential", not

Instead of restricting the territory of the re-introduced wolves and their pups to within the boundaries of the BRWRA, they should be allowed to move throughout their historic range. To reduce cattle/sheep predation, erecting fences between the wolves and scaled-down federal grazing lands should be tried. Requiring ranchers to remove cattle carcasses should be mandatory. As a last resort, paying ranchers to relocate their ranches to far away from wolf territory - even to other States - should be considered. ✓

Please, please, let's give the Mexican wolf a truly fighting chance, guided by sound scientific policy and programs, to reassert itself as a vital, treasured part of our American landscape.

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December 7, 2007

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Dear Mr. Slown:

Mexican gray wolves are iconic representatives of the mountain ranges of this region. They also are an essential part of the ecosystem of these mountain ranges and only with their restoration to significant and widespread numbers will this ecosystem be healthy.

I urge you to classify the Mexican gray wolf as "essential" and "endangered" so they can be and will be afforded the greatest possible protection.

In addition, these wolves need desperately to be released more widely and allowed to a much greater range in which to exist in the wild.

Please halt or at least significantly reduce the killing and recapture of this unique and critical top-of-the-food-chain predator.

We need these wolves in much of the southern mountain ranges and for that we need a much better Fish and Wildlife program, as outlined above, to

Restore ^{them} land, protect them from
harm.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Slown,

I am Arizona, country born & bred.
I want so very much for the wolves
to stay and to prosper. We must
STOP distorting & destroying the only
world we have. The wolves belong
here.

People have developed all sorts of
bizarre prejudices about the natural
world. Is it isn't like Disneyland
it isn't worth considering. So we must
Chop & clear & Kill. Stewardship isn't destruction.
Having been around during the initial
discussions/fights about the Wolf
program, I remember too clearly that
too many of the cattle producers/
Manufacturers? were unable & unwilling
to get rid of their prejudices. Some
may have lived on their ranches for a
while, but their tenure does not out-
weigh the Wild. They are the
disruptors of the necessary balance.
And I don't understand why you seem
to only listen to them. This world
belongs to us all. Please listen to some
of us.
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Eliminate all restrictions to wolf
dispersal & movements.

Expand the area for release

Keep options open.

listen to all our voices