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Wolves are a vital part of the whole ecological picture. They were
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are endangered and there is enough land on which they can thrive. The
Mexican wolf needed to be uplisted, allowed to disperse and their
numbers need to grow and what they DO NOT need is to be killed! The
more of these important animals that we lose, the bigger losers WE
are. Please do not let this happen.

As a supporter of scientifically sound wildlife management who
understands the value wolves can bring to ecosystems, I am writing to
urge you to take a more balanced approach to Mexican wolf recovery
efforts in the Southwest.

After ten years of reintroduction efforts, there are fewer than 60
wolves in the wild lands of the Southwest, more than 40 short of the
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Mexican wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world and

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After ten years of reintroduction efforts, there are fewer than 60 wolves in the wild lands of the Southwest, more than 40 short of the reintroduction goal of establishing 102 wolves in the wild by 2006.

Mexican wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world and

play an important role in restoring balance to Southwest forests. But despite these facts, the Service hasn't made much progress in restoring them.

There are millions of acres of public land in the Southwest where wolves could thrive, but Mexican wolves continue to be confined to a much smaller, politically defined recovery area. The rules as they stand do not live up to the promise of the Endangered Species Act.

As one of 900,000 members and supporters of Defenders of Wildlife, I am asking you to make the following changes in the reintroduction rule.

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Dr. Brian Millsap, State Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
NM

Dear Dr. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

The opportunity to comment on the rule-change for managing
reintroduced Mexican gray wolves comes not a moment too soon.
Fish and Wildlife Service management, with its heavy reliance on
predator control targeting the wolves, has suppressed the wolf
population and contributed to inbreeding. The solution must
comply with the conservation mandate of the Endangered Species
Act and not allow loss of wolves - from any and all sources,
including government take and illegal poaching - to keep the
population from rapid growth and genetic rescue.

To this end, please develop a Conservation Alternative to be
analyzed in the draft environmental impact statement that would

upgrade the legal status of the reintroduced Mexican wolves from their current "experimental non-essential" standing to a fully protected endangered status.

Please do not include any alternative for analysis that would increase take of wolves, set any limits on wolf numbers, restrict their movements, or in any other respect infringe on the potential of establishing additional Mexican wolf populations, one of which is already called for in the 1982 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan and more of which will likely be required in a future revision of that plan.

The Conservation Alternative should include the following provisions:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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