

Mexican Gray Wolf Management Conference

Hon-Dah Resort and Casino

August 29 & 30, 2006

Agenda

There is no charge for conference registration; however, each attendee must register because of limited seating. Registration is open on:

Monday afternoon from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon
Wednesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon

Tuesday – August 29

Morning Session Moderator – Cynthia Dale, White Mountain Apache Tribe

- 8:00 Welcome and Introductions – Terry B. Johnson, Chairman, Adaptive Management Oversight Committee
- 8:10 Opening Ceremony – White Mountain Apache Tribe
- 8:20 Welcome – Ronnie Lupe, Chairman, White Mountain Apache Tribe
- 8:30 “*A Retrospective on Mexican Wolf Reintroduction*” – Terry Johnson, AMOC Chairman
- 9:00 “*Managing Wolves: Challenges and Opportunities*” – Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 9:30 “*Blue Range Reintroduction in the Context of Recovery Planning*” – Tracy Melbiness, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- 10:00 Break

- 10:15 “*The Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan and Captive Breeding Program*” – Peter Siminski, The Living Desert and American Association of Zoos and Aquariums
- 10:45 “*Mexican Wolves South of the U.S. Border*” – Jorge Servin, Government of Mexico
- 11:15 “*Is Common Ground Possible in Public Information and Education on Mexican Wolf Issues?*” – Darcy Ely, Southwest Wolf Information Network

11:45 Lunch

Afternoon Session Moderator – Hector Ruedas, Supervisor, Greenlee County, Arizona

- 1:00 “*What is the Value of a Cow?*” – Stefanie Shwiff, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services and National Wildlife Research Center

- 1:30 “*A Cattle Grower’s Perspective on Mexican Wolf Depredation on Livestock*” – Laura Schneberger, New Mexico Cattle Grower’s Association
- 2:00 “*Can Compensation Work for Recovery? – An Environmentalist Perspective*” – Eva Sargent, Defenders of Wildlife
- 2:30 “*Socio-economics and the Blue Range Reintroduction*” – Leslie Genova, Industrial Economics, Inc.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 “*Wolf-human Encounters*” – Paul Paquet, University of Calgary
- 3:45 “*Ecotourism Possibilities for the Mexican Wolf*” – Peg Abbott
- 4:15 “*Teaching About Controversial Issues*” – Andrea Lorek Strauss, International Wolf Center
- 4:45 “*Cultural Issues – Wolves and American Indians*” – Steve Titla, San Carlos Apache Tribe
- 5:15 Adjourn

Wednesday – August 30

Morning Session Moderator – David Bergman, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services

- 8:00 “*Overview of Elk and Deer Distribution and Abundance in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area*” – Paul Krausman, University of Arizona
- 8:30 “*Overview of Livestock Distribution and Abundance in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area*” – Wally Murphy, U.S. Forest Service
- 9:00 “*Mexican Wolves and Ungulate Prey*” – Dan Stark, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 9:30 “*A Review of Non-lethal Methods to Manage Wolves*” – Stewart Breck, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services and National Wildlife Research Center
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 “*A Review of Wolf Research and Management Following Reintroduction of Wolves in Yellowstone*” – Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 10:45 “*Mexican Wolves and Diseases: Real Threats or Urban/Rural Legends?*” – Nancy Thomas, U.S. Geological Survey and National Wildlife Research Center
- 11:15 “*Survey Techniques for Wolves*” – Warren Ballard, Texas Tech University
- 11:45 Lunch

Afternoon Session Moderator – Chuck Hayes, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

- 1:00 “*Perspectives on Wolf Management*” - L. David Mech, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resource Division
- 1:30 “*New Understandings of the Genetics, Genetic History and Historical Distribution of the Mexican Wolf*” – Robert Wayne, University of California – Los Angeles

- 2:00 “*Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area Free-ranging Population Genetics*” – Richard Fredrickson, Arizona State University
- 2:30 “*Current Status of the Blue Range Reintroduction Project and Outreach Progress*” – Shawn Farry, Arizona Game and Fish Department
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 “*The Blue Range Reintroduction Project’s 5-Year Review and Its Recommendations*” – John Morgart, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 3:45 Directors’ Panel Discussion – Moderator Terry Johnson, AMOC Chair
- Duane L. Shroufe, Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department
 - Bruce C. Thompson, Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
 - Jeffrey S. Green, Regional Director, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services
 - Harv Forsgren, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service
 - Benjamin N. Tuggle, Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - John Caid, Director, Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, White Mountain Apache Tribe
- 5:30 Adjourn