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Subject: Mexican Wolf: Paradise Pack Permanent Removal Order -- Update on AMOC Action and Lead Agencies Decision
Attachments: Paradise Pack Removal Order_071920007_final.pdf; MW AMOC Contact Information.Revised.20070722.doc

Apologies for any cross-postings resulting from redundant entries on my standard distributions lists.

On Saturday July 21, USFWS Region 2 Director Ben Tuggle concurred with the majority recommendation from the AMOC Lead Agencies on actions to address ongoing depredation incidents involving the Paradise Pack. The majority recommendation was originally put forth by AGFD as its Director's preferred action, with USFS and WMAT concurring at the Agency Director level and USFWS at the AMOC Lead Agency Representative level. NMDGF preferred live capture and permanent removal of any two wolves NOT including alpha wolves or this year's pups and WS preferred permanent removal of the entire pack.

As a result of this decision, the Permanent Removal Order currently in place for the Paradise Pack remains in effect, without modification (see attachment). The IFT's Wildlife Services employees will continue aggressively live trapping in the area in which Paradise Pack depredations have occurred and will permanently remove to USFWS captive retention the first two wolves (of any age or sex) that are trapped. The intent is for these removals to end the depredation incidents and enable the non-depredating wolves in this pack to remain in the wild. [Note: USFWS staff earlier indicated there was no room in the cooperating captive facilities for any more wolves that are removed from the field, but the USFWS Director has directed them to make room for two wolves from the Paradise Pack.]

In addition, AMOC has directed the IFT to immediately and aggressively use all appropriate non-lethal means by which to reduce likelihood of further depredation, without jeopardizing WS efforts to remove two wolves. Again the intent is to end the depredation incidents and enable non-depredating wolves in this pack to remain in the wild.

If no further Paradise Pack depredation incidents occur, AMOC will revisit the situation in ten days (i.e. on Monday July 30, via conference call at 2 pm AZ Time = 3 pm NM Time). To support this conference call, John Oakleaf (AMOC-IFT Liaison and/or Shannon Barber-Meyer (IFTL for AGFD, which is the Lead Agency of Jurisdiction) will provide the AMOC Chair with a status update for the Paradise Pack and an IFT recommendation for further action no later than 10 am AZ Time on July 30. The Chair will review the update for content and format, and disseminate the final version to AMOC Lead Agencies and Signatory Cooperators prior to the conference call.

If additional depredation occurs between now and the July 30 conference call, the IFT will immediately provide the relevant information and an appropriate IFT recommendation to the AMOC Chair and the Chair will reconvene AMOC via conference call to recommend further action.

Please call me or email me if you have any questions. I will be in cell phone reach all day today. I will be in ABQ for an AMOC meeting tomorrow, and then back in Arizona for the rest of the week. As always, if I am not immediately available when you call or email, Bill Van Pelt is my lead Surrogate for wolf issues and Jon Cooley is my 2nd Surrogate. All of our UPDATED (today) phone contact information is in the second attachment to this message.

As soon as I send this message to AMOC agencies, I will forward it to the Lead Agency Directors.

Thx, Terry

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