

MEXICAN WOLF ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP  
 INTERAGENCY FIELD TEAM UPDATE  
 APRIL 22, 2008

Vacancies and Hirings:

Ken Mills NMGFD IFT, James Waddell NMGFD Summer Intern, Annmarie Houser USFWS Biologist, Rebecca Mowrey USFWS Temporary Hire, Beth Wocjik USFWS Volunteer, Alison Greenleaf USFWS Volunteer, Cecilia Schmidt AGFD Temporary Duty Assignment

Depredations and Nuisance Responses First Quarter 2008:

<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Determination</u>
01-06-08	Nutrioso, AZ	Horse injured	Confirmed uncollared wolves
01-16-08	Nutrioso, AZ	Horse colt killed	Confirmed uncollared wolves
02-07-08	Nutrioso, AZ	Horse injury	Cause of injury indeterminate
02-12-08	Vernon, AZ	Dead Cow	Unknown cause of death, non-wolf related
02-19-08	Luna, NM	Two dead calves	Confirmed coyotes
02-24-08	Aragon, NM	Dead cow	Unknown cause of death, non-wolf related
02-25-08	Chino Valley, AZ	Dead goat	Confirmed coyotes
03-11-08	SCAR	Dead cow w/ calf in birth canal	Confirmed Rim Pack AM1107 and AF858
03-19-08	Y Canyon, NM	Dead cow and calf	Non-wolf related. Cow died natural causes and calf killed by coyotes
03-24-08	Hardcastle Gap area NM	Dead calf	Confirmed killed by coyotes
03-26-08	Y Canyon, NM	Dead cow	Cause of death indeterminate
03-29-08	Hardcastle Gap area NM	Dead calf	Confirmed San Mateo Pack AF903 and AM1114
04-07-08	Cooney Prairie, NM	Dead calf	Confirmed Middle Fork Pack AM871, AF861, and F1115

Outreach Activities First Quarter 2008:

January AMWG meeting in Pinetop AZ; 14 non-agency attendees.

February 27, Maggie Dwire presentation to 25 Sierra Club members at the USFWS Sevilleta

Wolf Management Facility.

March 7, Mike Godwin and Mike Sumner AGFD presented update to approx 20 Greenlee County Cattle Growers and Upper Eagle Creek and Blue River Watershed Association members.

March 17 and 18, Ken Mills, Renae Held, and Luanne Tafoya of the NMDGF field tour in GNF for 15 middle-school student winners of wolf related art and essay competition hosted by The Southwest Environmental Center in Las Cruces, NM. Also, three teachers and three Southwest Environmental Center staff members.

March 19, John Oakleaf (USFWS) and Mike Sumner (AGFD) met with Rick DaValos (USFS) and a permittee regarding possible translocation at Home Creek in Arizona.

**2007 End of Year Count:**

- 35 wolves observed during survey
- Ten wolves captured (six new collars; four replaced)
- Population estimate  $\geq 52$  wolves
- 12 packs (ten of which consist of at least one wild-born member)
- Four breeding pairs\*\*
- $\geq 27$  pups born,  $\geq 9$  survived through December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 11 pairs formed on their own in the wild
- 46 wild born wolves
- Two packs produced second generation wild born pups. As many as ten could do so in 2008.

\*\*Defined as an adult male and an adult female with at least two pups produced during the previous breeding season that survived until December 31 of the year of their birth

**Other IFT Activities:**

M1039 was translocated in January after being captured outside the BRWRA in NM. On February 17, M1039 was recaptured just outside the BRWRA in NM, treated for injuries received from a lawfully-set coyote trap, and placed in captivity pending possible future release.