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**Statement of Use and Receipt by Non-agency Individuals for
Radio-telemetry Equipment to Monitor Mexican Wolves**

The Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project has developed a program for limited loan of radio-telemetry receivers to selected individuals within the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area in Arizona and New Mexico. The Project's Interagency Field Team (IFT) has been delegated authority to implement this program.

You and individuals who work for you are being issued radio-telemetry equipment to monitor wolves near your livestock or private property, to aid in detection and prevention of livestock depredation and nuisance behavior by Mexican wolves. The primary goal of this program is to provide monitoring tools that will assist in developing and implementing proactive management measures to reduce or eliminate depredation and nuisance incidents involving Mexican wolves. The Project anticipates that this process will be cooperative in nature and help foster better working relationships with stakeholders affected by this Project.

Agencies cooperating in the Reintroduction Project consider loan of radio-telemetry equipment a very sensitive issue. Therefore, be sure to safeguard any equipment that is loaned to you.

The appropriate jurisdictional IFTL will evaluate your request for radio-telemetry equipment. If they approve your request, they will provide you with instruction and training in using the equipment they issue to you. The more familiar you are with how radio-telemetry functions, the more proficient you will be at detecting wolf presence and activity. By accepting loan of radio-telemetry equipment, you also accept responsibility for maintaining it and for returning it to the IFT upon request.

Radio-telemetry from the ground works best by taking accurate bearings and plotting them on a map to get an accurate location. Terrain, distance, vegetation, and the type of transmitter in the radio-collar limit radio-collar signals and affect the ability to get an accurate location. One bearing taken with a receiver can sometimes be misleading. The more bearings you take during a certain time frame, the more accurate the wolf location will be.

Caution should be taken to avoid conflicts when using cattle dogs around wolves, especially in the vicinity of known den or rendezvous sites from April to August. These are sensitive areas and caution should be used so wolves are not disrupted when it is not necessary to do so. You may only harass wolves in accordance with the Mexican Wolf Final Rule (50 CFR 17.84(k)) published in the Federal Register on January 12, 1998. Copies of this document are available from the IFT upon request. It is very important to limit human influence on Mexican wolf

movements and behavior, unless you are intentionally harassing a wolf (in accordance with the Final Rule referenced above) to prevent livestock depredation or nuisance behavior.

The Project has approved the following guidelines regarding loan of radio-telemetry receiver equipment to specific, affected stakeholders. Temporary loan of telemetry receivers will be considered when and where the information gained by such loan is expected to contribute to developing or implementing preemptive management actions to prevent livestock depredation or nuisance behavior by Mexican wolves.

The conditions under which loan requests may be granted (contingent upon availability of equipment) include:

1. Radio-collared Mexican wolves have been located in the requestor's area of residence or livestock operation.
2. The person requesting equipment outlines an appropriate wolf interdiction purpose.

The conditions governing issuance, maintenance, and return of equipment include:

1. Receivers provided will be programmed with channels only for the wolves identified in the area (i.e. specific frequencies will not be given out).
2. Telemetry receivers will be signed out to individuals on a temporary basis and those same individuals will be responsible for the care and return, in good working order, of the equipment.
3. With reasonable notice and accommodation, Project staff has the right to inspect any loaned telemetry receivers.
4. The jurisdictional IFT Leader responsible for loaning the equipment will coordinate as necessary with the individual(s) using it to determine the status of the situation and the continued need for the loan, and to determine the effectiveness of use of the equipment.
5. The Project will retrieve loaned receivers as needed, based on the status of the situation in the area in which the receiver is on loan and needs in other locations, e.g. presence of range riders.

Receipt of Radio-telemetry Equipment Form (Issuing Agent's Copy):

Equipment Issued:

Receiver type _____ Serial # _____

Antenna type _____

Date issued _____ Date returned _____

Authorized Wolf Receiver Channels:

Wolf ID Channel #

Issued By:

Print name _____ Phone # _____

Signature _____

Received By:

Print name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Others authorized for use of equipment _____

Instruction date _____ Location _____

Receipt of Radio-telemetry Equipment Form (Receiving Agent's Copy):

Equipment Issued:

Receiver type _____ Serial # _____

Antenna type _____

Date issued _____ Date returned _____

Authorized Wolf Receiver Channels

Wolf ID Channel #

Issued By:

Print name _____ Phone # _____

Signature _____

Received By:

Print name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Others authorized for use of equipment _____

Instruction date _____ Location _____

Wolf Monitoring / Use of Equipment:

Date Location Observation
