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## **Fish and Wildlife Service to Correct Mexican Wolf Permit Notification**

ALBUQUERQUE – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service erred in its public notification of an Endangered Species Act (Act) permit application by including reference to transporting of Mexican wolves to and from Vermejo Park Ranch on the New Mexico-Colorado border. The public notification was [published](#) in the Federal Register on January 15, 2015. The error is not reflected in the permit application itself; only in the public notification. A revised notice will be published in the Federal Register.

As the Service developed its recently finalized [revised rule](#) under which the Mexican wolf reintroduction is conducted in Arizona and New Mexico, it had considered a proposal to conduct experiential training for Mexican wolves on the half-million-acre Vermejo Park Ranch. Consideration of a program to hone captive-reared Mexican wolves' wild-survival skills at the ranch were discontinued in order to focus on efforts that could contribute to the subspecies' recovery south of Interstate 40.

A research and recovery permit under the Act is required to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. The Service invites public comment before issuing these permits.

The Service is seeking to renew its permit to allow for the continued management activities for the Mexican wolf (*Canis lupis baileyi*) within Arizona and New Mexico, including capturing wolves, administering health care, propagation, radio collaring, etc. The permit renewal application does not include experiential training for Mexican wolves at Vermejo.

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