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Memorandum

To: Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator, Southwest Region

Through: Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southwest Region *Michelle Stumpfus*

From: Regional Director, Southwest Region *Benj M. Fugle*

Subject: Depredation Decision; Extension of Previously Authorized Fox Mountain Pack Management Measures

Under the final 10(j) rule (50 CFR Part 17) of January 12, 1998 (Final Rule), the Interagency Management Plan of March 1998, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement of November 1996, five confirmed livestock depredation incidents within one year by members of the Fox Mountain pack triggered a decision on the appropriate continued management of the Fox Mountain pack, including whether members of the pack should be removed from the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA).

On August 7, 2013, I issued a decision to remove by live-trapping either M1276, m1274, or one of the 2 uncollared yearlings, if it is a male, from the Fox Mountain pack in an effort to disrupt habitual livestock depredation behavior of the pack. That control order covered a 60-day period, from August 7, 2013 to October 7, 2013. We have been unsuccessful, to date, in capturing a target animal and cattle remain in the area of the Fox Mountain pack. Although the Fox Mountain pack has not depredated during the 60-day period, my decision is to authorize an additional 60-day period to remove by live-trapping either M1276, m1274, or one of the 2 uncollared yearlings, if it is a male, from the Fox Mountain pack in an effort to disrupt habitual livestock depredation behavior of the pack, effective immediately. All other provisions of the August 7, 2013 decision memo remain in effect.