

10j rule vs 10A1a permit

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Hi Eric -

(I've included the broader CPW team as I understand this came up during the CPW/FWS meeting on 10/20.)

Following up on our phone call from this morning. First, I'm confirming that CPW personnel do not need to seek "authorized individual" status under the 10A1a permit. Table 1 of the draft 10j rule (p. 15/10272) is clear that you and the tribes, as designated agents of the Service, have take authorization beyond that which applies to conflict management (pasted below). Seeking take coverage under the 10A1a permit would be redundant to what you will be provided, though you have the ability to be included under both if you so choose.

Additional taking provisions for agency employees and our designated agent.

Any Service employee or our designated agent may take a gray wolf from the NEP: (1) For take related to the release, tracking, monitoring, recapture, and management for the NEP; (2) to aid or euthanize sick, injured, or orphaned wolves or transfer to a licensed veterinarian for care; (3) to dispose of a dead specimen; (4) to salvage a dead specimen that may be used for scientific study; (5) to aid in law enforcement investigations involving wolves (collection of specimens for necropsy, etc.); or (6) to remove wolves with abnormal physical or behavioral characteristics, as determined by the Service or our designated agent, from passing on or teaching those traits to other wolves.

Second, to your question of whether you need to provide a list of specific individuals under your designated agent status, the answer is yes. This is the process that's been established through the Mexican wolf 10j rule and we want to maintain consistency. I understand it could be a long list and there may be uncertainty about who exactly should be included, such as folks that have yet to be hired. We will work with you to make sure the list is as current as it can be on whatever timeframe works for you. We can share a template spreadsheet that shows the information we will be asking for.

Please keep reaching out with questions 😊

- Liisa

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