

Colorado Gray Wolf 10(j) Rulemaking EIS US Fish and Wildlife Service

State Coordination Meeting Notes

September 11, 2023
3:00 – 4:00 pm MST
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Kurt Broderdorp	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Brady McGee	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Liisa Niva	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jim deVos	Arizona Game & Fish Department (AZGFD)
Dave Klute	Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
Eric Odell	Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
Kim Hersey	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)
Jessica Forbes	WSP
Lori Fox	WSP
Margaret Stover	WSP

MOU Update

The Service shared their screen with the MOU and reviewed the edits that had been made by the states in tracked changes. The group agreed with all of the tracked changes. The Service will send the finalized Word and PDF versions to the group. Several officials signing the MOU are at the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta, so they may be able to print, sign, and scan the MOU. The group hopes to have the MOU signed by Friday, 9/29/2023, prior to the potential federal government shutdown.

Government Shutdown

The Service is planning ahead for a possible shutdown so that the project can move forward as necessary. WSP noted that they will be available if there is a shutdown to help facilitate moving the project forward. The states may continue regular coordination meetings during a shutdown but Service staff will not attend.

10(a)(1)(A) Permit

UDWR asked about the next steps for the 10(a)(1)(A) permit. The states can start a list of people who should be included on the permit and what they would be authorized to do based on the training they have had so that the list is ready when the Service needs to create it. The Service Region 2 maintains a spreadsheet of people covered under the Mexican gray wolf 10(a)(1)(A) permit that is updated annually and when people need to be added.