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Update on the Eastern North Carolina Red Wolf Population (ENC RWP)

- Based on the publicly available information on the Red Wolf Recovery Program website, the current known population of wild adult red wolves (e.g. radio-collared individuals) in the ENC RWP is 12, with the estimated total population of approximately 20-23 red wolves. All of the collared red wolves have orange collars.
- Management
 - o Ground telemetry conducted several days a week to get locations for all collared red wolves and sterilized coyotes. There are 24 sterilized coyotes with active radio collars.
 - o All collared red wolves are within their areas of expected use.
 - o As of early July, all 6 of the red wolf pups born this spring on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge had survived.
 - o We currently have over 40 remote sensing cameras deployed throughout the ENC RWP on National Wildlife Refuge and private land, with landowner permission.

Outreach

- Continuing to work on multiple new Prey for the Pack agreements.
- Red Wolf Recovery Program staff are contacting private landowners where we know red wolves are spending time based on tracking/monitoring to make them aware of the presence of red wolves and to address any potential concerns or issues.
- Red Wolf Recovery Program staff are promptly responded to all calls, texts or emails received from landowners and members of the public regarding their questions, concerns, sightings and potential issues, including addressing time sensitive calls 24/7.
- Working on a brochure to be sent electronically to upcoming visitors to the Outer Banks along with their vacation rental reservation confirmation that educates them on red wolves in general, but specifically on driving in red wolf country.
- The Red Wolf Recovery Program will potentially be holding an in person public meeting (if COVID restrictions allow) in eastern NC and a virtual public information meeting sometime in September to discuss the current status and management of the population. More specifics on the meeting to come.