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DATE: February 4, 1993
REPLY TO: Red Wolf Coordinator, FWS, Asheville, NC
ATTN OF:
SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - January 1993

TO: Regional Director, FWS, Atlanta, GA (FWE/SE)
Attention: Mr. Dave Flemming

Following are my accomplishments and other items of interest for the month of January.

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - I reviewed the University of Tennessee study proposal entitled "The Ontogeny of Red Wolf Social Behavior:..." and provided comments to Dr. Mike Pelton. These comments incorporated comments from other project personnel. The Tremont wolves are creating monitoring problems, as expected, due to their frequent long distance movements, some outside Park boundaries. I spent one day participating in Winterfest activities at Pigeon Forge. This included giving a presentation to about 150 people, and manning a booth to provide information on the red wolf project. I made a presentation regarding the red wolf recovery program and future proposals for the Southern Appalachians to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The reception it received was very positive and they want to cooperate in gauging public acceptance for introductions on Forest Service lands in Georgia.

Captive-breeding Populations - I provided input to Point Defiance Zoo personnel regarding the development of a red wolf escape protocol. A follow-up visit to the Birmingham Zoo facility by Point Defiance Zoo personnel after the red wolf escape in January of 1992, has resulted in pulling our animals from that facility. Six new facilities have come into the program this year.

General - I sent a memo on distribution of the 1993 budget to the Regional Office (RO). I also sent another memo to the RO providing information on counties involved and congressional members to be briefed regarding proposed expansions. This information will be forwarded to Legislative Services for scheduling of Congressional Briefings. Informational requests continue at a steady pace. I sent 13 informational packages consisting of at least 15 documents; four of these required written responses to provide additional information regarding employment possibilities and/or other ways to support red wolf recovery activities. I provided slides to at least two people upon request. I also responded to a personal request for a red wolf pet! Administrative matters included certification regarding knowledge of EEO Policy and Ethics Orientation. The video produced by Amway Corporation in cooperation with National Wildlife Federation (Federation) was completed and is now available through the Federation as an educational video for grades 3-5. The video is entitled "Into the Wild"; the red wolf is one of three endangered species featured in the video. The December 1992 Conservation Biology Journal included four articles regarding the red

wolf taxonomy controversy. As requested, one article was authored by Mike Phillips and I; it covered the material presented at the Second North American Wolf Symposium in August 1992.

Currently animals are being transferred between facilities for this years' breeding season. Therefore, information on changes in numbers and locations of animals will be provided at a later date with the following exceptions:

A. Wild Populations.

1. Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) - The two pups recaptured last month were rereleased. However, the adult male and three pups have been recaptured this month after straying outside the Park. Currently the wild population consists of three adults (1 male, 2 females) and five pups (4 males, 1 female). Last month's report erroneously listed six male pups as being in the wild at that time, it should have been four male pups.

B. Captive Propagation.

2. GSMNP - The recapture of the four animals from the wild results in a temporary population of eight animals including five adults (3 males, 2 females) and three pups (2 males, 1 female).
3. Graham, Washington, and Other Facilities - Euthanasia was performed on five females over the last 3-4 months.

- C. Total - 198-200 (64 adult males, 78-79 adult females, 1-2 unknown adults, 25 male pups, 29 female pups, and 1 unknown pup).

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