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Brady, Here are my rough notes for our meeting with FWS Director Amelia Skipwith last November. Best, Jim

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Does our Comprehensive Resource Management Plan include and address citizens use of federal lands? Yes

Go back to premise that County Commission is responsible for health, safety and welfare of the people/citizens.

Remind the agency administrators that the county commission works under open meetings laws and is the voice of the people.

We went to Amy Leuders first to honor administrative coordination with local director first. No resolution from that meeting,

County's Resolution to state severe economic harm to Schnebergers and county.

Immediacy of dire situation. Need solutions now.

The system does not work. FWS made a commitment in original EIS discussion back in 1990's to protect livestock operations and fairly compensate losses.

Demand removal of wolves in Sierra County. Sierra County consistent since 1994.

This is the problem, simply stated. FWS Not living up to commitments and no voice for the livestock operators.

Give the FWS a solution and reasons why. Get them to at least examine their responsibility.

This is but one rancher but if a pattern, how protect all others. Diamonds, Rabinau's, Freeman...

Catron County has fought M.wolf since beginning.

Jess Carey, Wildlife Investigator, only one to record depredations.

Worked with Farm Bureau, NM Cattlegrowers, Range Improvement Task

Karen Budd Falen who is BLM Deputy Solicitor help

2nd Poorest county in New Mexico.

Get Gene Whetten's records on differences in weights from Slash & Adobe.

Look at loss of entire culture, custom and livelihood and damage to western way of life, a part of American history.

What about state compensation for depredations like Wyoming or Oregon.

Talk to Stuart Liley on M.wolf program in NMGFD.

Fifth Amendment. No person...shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Ranchers are the original stewards of the land, often passing operations down through generations. They put their profits back into cattle and improvements. Their private inholdings in BLM and Forest Service lands form the basis for their operations and futures. Without base property and cattle, they cannot hold permits to graze federal lands.

Mexican wolves are affecting livestock operators and residents in western New Mexico and Eastern Arizona by “taking” livestock and pets. Many of the losses have not been confirmed as wolf depredations, but are probable.

The M.wolf/livestock Coexistence Council is a farce. Not funded and no coordination for Schnebergers. FWS needs to step up.

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