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Subject: Re: Catron County Request

Alan,

I think your response is appropriate (ie. Fish and Wildlife Service issue, please contact them directly). We have discussed these issues with Catron County and the discussions have been replied to from the service. Below is an excerpt from a letter that we previously provided to Catron County on this and other issues for your reference. However, for your purposes, I would simply reply as you originally suggest. Let me know if you have any concerns/problems.

John

The Project's Interagency Field Team (IFT) has been delegated authority to implement this program. The conditions under which loan requests may be granted (contingent upon availability of equipment) include:

Radio-collared Mexican wolves have been located in the requestor's area of residence or livestock operation.

The person requesting equipment outlines an appropriate wolf interdiction purpose.

The Catron County wolf interaction investigator position does not fall into the specific category of "affected stakeholder" in accordance with the guidelines outlined above. In addition, IFT personnel (inclusive of Wildlife Service's personnel) are present at depredation or nuisance investigation sites and utilize radio-telemetry equipment to determine the presence and subsequent

location or absence of radio-collared wolves. Therefore, providing a separate entity with receivers and associated channels is largely redundant.

Regarding Mr. Carey's participation on the IFT, we encourage Catron County to sign on as a formal cooperator to the June 30, 2010, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (enclosed), so that we can develop a framework for collaboration that enables Catron County and the Project to develop a mutually agreeable, long-term partnership regarding the reintroduction of Mexican

wolves
in New Mexico. This partnership could include a designated representative
that
can attend cooperator meetings, inclusive of IFT meetings. Through this
MOU,
we can also discuss further the necessity for Mr. Carey to have a radio
receiver to assist in developing and implementing preemptive management
actions
to prevent livestock depredation or nuisance behavior by Mexican wolves.

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Sherry/John,

I received a letter this week from the Catron Co. Commission requesting
"radio
ground telemetry in order to identify problem wolves around private homes,
to
protect children, avoid human encounters and to reduce livestock
predation". Steve Pierce was cc'd. I think they are asking for collar
frequencies. About three years ago we had a similar request and I
responded
that those frequencies were proprietary and owned by USFWS and suggested
that
they ask for a receiver from the IFT in order to monitor collared wolves.
I
plan to provide the same basic response this request. Bill Nelson told me
he
thinks Jess Carey might still have a receiver but that the programmed

frequencies are outdated. Does the FWS want to consider providing Jess with a telemetry receiver with updated frequencies?

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