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Cyrenea,

I think this is a question best answered by Brady since it has to do with the MOU, but I will do my best to describe my recommendation (interim guidance) on this topic prior to Brady responding. I read through the MOU have attached it for people to look at.

1. The MOU does not specifically state what will/will not be shared. Lead Agencies (AZGFD, BLM, NPS, NMDGF, WMAT, USFS, USFWS, WS) are in a different status than cooperating agencies (counties), but the MOU doesn't specify the status at a field level, but does state that: "Counties and EACO will: 1) enhance communication with other interested parties and the public to keep them informed on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program; 2) provide logistical and other support as necessary for the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program; 3) coordinate impact assessments and mitigation measures that may occur from reintroduction and management of the Mexican wolf, on health, safety, and welfare of the Counties and their residents."
2. The IFT consist of Lead Agency employees whose primary duties involve on the-ground management of Mexican wolf.
3. So Jess is not a member of the IFT but is hired to work on list above and we should assist with that in particular enhancing communication and mitigation measures.
4. Along those lines, Jess also does depredation co-investigations at the request of landowners. He is generally the first call that they make.
5. We have shared tools with Jess (receivers, locations (after depredations, hazing, etc.). And should continue to do so in the spirit of cooperation and mitigation measures.
6. So my suggestion is that we periodically update Jess with frequencies, generally this has been done once a year and includes all wolves in New Mexico and wolves that are close in Arizona. We could do this twice a year but the helicopter season and trapping season when we add collars are pretty close together.
7. We should share locations after the fact rather than prior to investigations so as to not bias investigations. I think that general information is fine (e.g., Mangas territory or whatever), but specifics on a spot (e.g., there is a cluster at the location of the depredation) should not be shared prior to the investigation. We can share following the investigation.
8. We should share what animals we are assigning depredations to as soon as we know so that Jess can complete his investigation report.
9. If there is a nuisance situation, we should share all information with Jess.
10. You can always direct Jess to talk to me if he has any questions or needs further

clarification. I did talk to him about the reason behind our recent struggles with the transition in WS personnel. He seemed to understand.

Again, These are my recommendations and interim guidance. Brady will have to weigh in on a final version of this, but I think this is consistent with the MOU (see attached).

Cheers,

John

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John,

Per recent emails and communication with Jess Carey it is clear he is unhappy with the project. In his email he states certain expectations from us because of Catron County being on the MOU. Can you clarify what we as the FWS are required to share with Catron Country per the MOU? I think we as a team need to have a clear understanding about this and then decide on a plan going forward on how we share data with Jess. For example, do we share the flightsheet with Jess? Can we set a schedule where an IFTL sends him updated flighsheets? What is the expectation in regards to sharing depredation assignments? How does NMGFD want to share this information since they are the lead on depredations? Finally, when do we share and when do we not share location data with Jess? We have agreed in the past not to share location data prior to an investigation because it has swayed determinations in the past, but can we put that in writing somewhere?

Thanks,  
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