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Subject: Re: talking points for RD conf call with Execs on translocation and cross fostering (please review)
Date: Monday, April 15, 2013 7:56:27 PM

Very minor edits....The preferred site is McKenna Park, and the alternate site is Meason Flat.

Thanks, Liz

On Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 2:33 PM, Barrett, Sherry <sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

Talking points for April 17 conference call with Mex Wolf Execs on translocation and cross fostering
the call will be at 8:00 Pacific time/9:00 Mountain time

Call-in number 866.902.8081
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PROPOSED TRANSLOCATION

- We are proposing to translocate M1133 and F1108 on April 27 into the McKenna Flat site of the Gila Wilderness. We confirmed on April 10 that F1108 is pregnant.
- We will build a soft-mesh pen at the site prior to packing in the wolves on mules. The wolves are expected to self release. This pen has been approved by the Forest Service.
- If the McKenna site is not feasible, our alternate site is Meason in the Gila National Forest. This site has road access.
- Both sites were evaluated among 10 previously approved sites, based on livestock, prey availability, and proximity to humans, as well as other factors.
- M1133 was released in January 2013, but recaptured 3 weeks later when he did not pair with the Bluestem female. He was captured near a subdivision, but had not caused any nuisance behaviors or depredations during that time. There was an elk carcass nearby, and we suspect that he had been feeding on it. AGFD believes that there will be a lot of concern in the public about 1133, but we believe that his behavior did not rise to the level of permanent removal.
- F1108 is a pup that was removed from the wild at 7 months of age due to

depredations of the Aspen Pack. She has been in captivity for 5 years and subjected to Conditioned taste aversion. She was not permanently removed and should be a good candidate for translocation.

- All wolves available for translocation have some history, otherwise we would not have removed them from the wild.
- Liz Jozwiak, John Oakleaf, and Sherry Barrett participated in a meeting at Beaverhead Lodge on April 9 to discuss the proposed translocation. The meeting was attended by about 18 ranchers, and representatives of the Cattlegrowers Association, Congressman Steve Pearce's office, Catron County Commission, and others. They expressed their opposition to the release. Gene Whetten expressed his concern with a member of the Aspen Pack returning to his ranch. Jess Carey expressed his concern with 1133 being so near humans prior to capture.
- Maggie Dwire, Liz Jozwiak and Sherry Barrett met April 15 with leaders of the Environmental Community (some participated in person, some by phone) regarding the proposed translocation. They expressed their support for the translocation into the Gila Wilderness.
- Liz Jozwiak, John Oakleaf, and Sherry Barrett will attend a public meeting in Reserve, NM April 16 regarding the proposed translocation.

PROPOSED CROSS FOSTERING

- We and AGFD are evaluating the feasibility of conducting cross fostering of pups into the Bluestem Pack, which is likely to den in the Primary Recovery Zone in Arizona.
- We would need to ensure that there are pups in captivity with 4-5 days of the whelping date of the Bluestem Pack
- The cross fostering must occur within 10 days of birth.
- AGFD is promoting the cross fostering and will do the presentation

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