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To: [Barrett, Sherry](#)
Cc: [Elizabeth Jozwiak](#); [John Oakleaf](#)
Subject: Re: Request
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 3:34:41 PM

Sherry,

I assume we will review the issue of loaning Jess a receiver together, so I won't tackle that in this email.

As for the other questions:

1. Based on local impute the number (I assume the EOY 2012 pop number) seems undercounted.

The 2012 end of year minimum population count was 75 wolves. This is the minimum number of wolves that could be confirmed present/alive at the end of the year. We acknowledge this is a minimum and there are likely additional wolves in the population that were not documented/confirmed at year's end. For more information, SOP 27.0: Population Monitoring of Mexican Wolves, describes the method by which the IFT annually records the minimum number of wolves in the population.

2. Can the number of radio collars be increased above the 56%

56% of the population being radio collared is actually high compared to other populations. We generally try and have at least two wolves collared per pack (though this isn't written anywhere - annual report, SOP - that I can find). Through aerial capture at the end of the year, late summer and fall trapping, and opportunistic trapping throughout other portions of the year, I think it is fair to say the IFT tries to keep functioning collars on adult/breeding pairs, as well as place collars on pups and dispersing age animals in order to more effectively monitor the population. Liz or John might have more to add here.

3. Why do you think the breeding pairs seem to be so low.

According to the 2012 annual report, 13 packs exhibited denning behavior, 9 of which were confirmed to have produced pups, and 7 of which had at least one pup at the end of the year. Of the 7 that had pups at the end of the year, only 3 met the federal definition (as described in our 10j) for a breeding pair: "an adult male and an adult female wolf that have produced at least two pups during the previous breeding season that survived until December 31 of the year of their birth." Bottom line is 7 packs had a least one pup surviving at the end of the year, but only 3 of those met the definition of a breeding pair (reasons to not meet the definition might be only one pup survived or an adult in the breeding pair died or was removed).

On Tue, May 21, 2013 at 10:26 AM, Barrett, Sherry <sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

Maggie: please provide me with responses and I'll forward them to Ron. We'll also need to send him the Ashland report.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Morsbach, Ron** <Ron.Morsbach@mail.house.gov>

Date: Tue, May 21, 2013 at 9:19 AM

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To: "sherry_barrett@fws.gov" <sherry_barrett@fws.gov>

Thank you for agreeing to a review of your policy on not letting Jess have the telemetry equipment which will help in Catron County population areas. The Congressman will be in Glenwood on June 15th and he would appreciate an answer by then. If our request is rejected he will discuss any further action any further action that might be taken.

Ron

PS: I read your annual report and I have several comments:

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Ron Morsbach

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