

Initial Releases and Translocations in the Mexican Wolf Recovery Area

Between 1998 and 2014 - “Initial releases” (wolves born in captivity and have no previous wild experience) were only allowed to occur in Arizona in the primary recovery zone in Greenlee County. “Translocations” of experienced animals (previously released wolves or wolves born in the wild) were only allowed to occur in either the primary or secondary recovery zones.

With the implementation of the 2015 Final Rule, Mexican wolves are allowed to be initially released and translocated into an expanded area in the MWEPA. Please see the 2015 Final Rule for additional details.

Initial releases of Mexican wolves into the Mexican Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2015 Data Current as of 31 December 2015

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Number of individual wolves initially released ^a	13	21	16	15	9	8	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	96
Number of initial release events ^b	5	4	5	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	26

^a An initial release is defined as a wolf with no previous free-ranging experience that is released directly from captivity into the wild. Translocations are not included in this table

^b A release event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are initially released.

Translocations of Mexican wolves into the Mexican Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2015.
Data Current as of 31 December 2015

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Number of individual wolves translocated ^a	3	2	18	6	7	15	9	16	6	5	6	6	1	4	0	3	12	1	120
Number of translocation events ^b	3	1	10	4	5	8	2	5	3	3	5	6	1	4	0	2	5	1	68

^a A translocation is defined when an individual free-ranging wolf is captured and moved to a location within Mexican Wolf Recovery Area but away from the site of capture. This includes captured wolves that have been temporarily housed in captivity.

^b A translocation event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are translocated.



Translocation of Mexican wolf M1049 to the wild in January 2011
(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

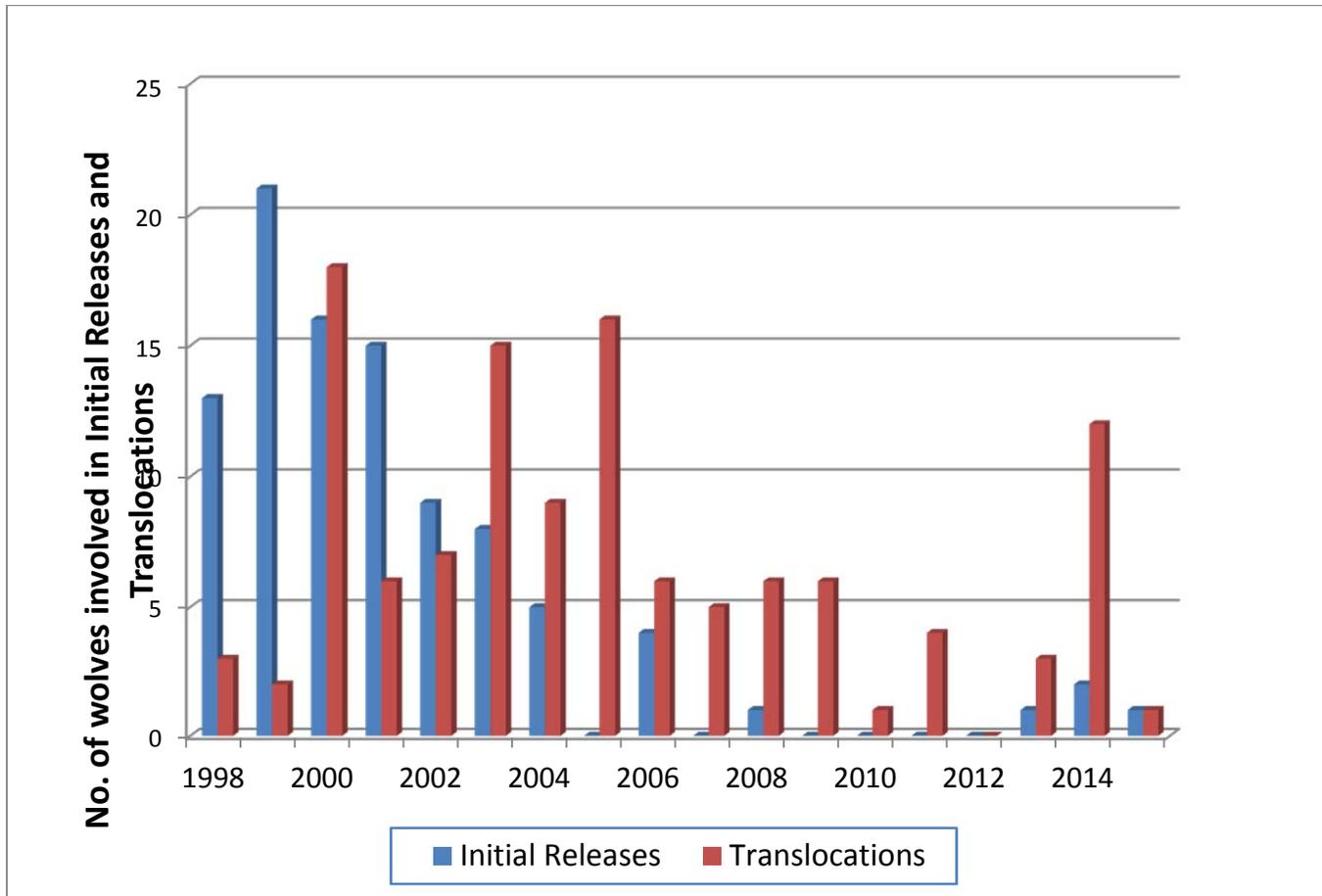


Figure 1. Initial releases and Translocations of Mexican wolves into the Mexican Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2015
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