

# TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS' ASSOCIATION

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February 11, 2013

TO: All County Judges in the 49 Texas counties that would be affected by the Implementation of the Southwestern Gray Wolf Management Plan for Portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is pursuant to our earlier letter in regard to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's plan to increase the amount of land covered by the Southwestern Gray Wolf Management Plan to include Zone 1 – All of the land North of I-40 in Arizona and New Mexico, Zone 2 – All of the land South of I-10 in Arizona and New Mexico, and Zone 3 – All of the land west of a line from the state line to Amarillo to Lubbock to San Angelo to Del Rio in Texas.

The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association passed a resolution on Feb. 9, 2013, in opposition to this Plan, and it is our hope that every one of the 49 commissioners' courts affected will likewise pass a resolution opposing the plan. As mentioned in our previous letter, livestock production, not to mention oil and gas production, is a huge part of the economy of this large area, and it is vitally important that we do everything we can to protect animal agriculture and private property rights in the area. The introduction of the wolves into Mexico brings Texas into this much more quickly than if the wolves were just being released into New Mexico and Arizona. Like the black bears, they will quickly migrate north looking for food.

We are told that the resolution should be "concise and to the point" mentioning all three states so USFWS will know we are standing together against this plan. We have included a sample resolution for you to complete and send to the following:

Ms. Sherry Barrett  
Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
NM Ecological Services Field Office  
2105 Osuna NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Or, by email to: [fw2eswolfmail@fws.gov](mailto:fw2eswolfmail@fws.gov)  
If you send by email, please also follow up with a hard copy to Ms. Barrett.

Please also send a copy to:

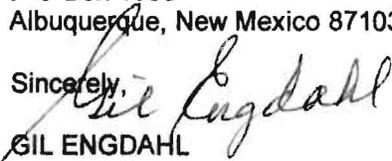
Mr. Jonathan Olson  
Senior Environmental Planning Consultant  
Mexican Wolf Recovery Program  
New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office  
2105 Osuna NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

and to:

Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Southwest Region (2)  
P O Box 1306  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306

or by email to Dr. Tuggle at:  
[RDTuggle@fws.gov](mailto:RDTuggle@fws.gov)

Sincerely,

  
GIL ENGDahl  
President

TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS  
RESOLUTION # 2013-07

Resolution Rejecting U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
Environmental Assessment  
For the  
Implementation of a Southwestern Gray Wolf (Canis Lupus)  
Management Plan  
For  
Portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas

ABSTRACT: In December, 2012, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) distributed an Environmental Assessment for the Implementation of a Southwestern Gray Wolf Management Plan for Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The County of Tom Green, Texas hereby rejects this management plan.

WHEREAS, the County of Tom Green, Texas shall serve its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the private property rights and the people's rights of all citizens of Tom Green County could be affected by the intrusion of the Southwestern Gray Wolf, and

WHEREAS, such a record clearly defines the futility and waste of expending public funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 24 day of Feb, 2013, the County of Tom Green, Texas being in session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and a plan regarding the Southwestern Gray Wolf, and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that a demand be submitted to Congress to withhold any and all funding for this effort.



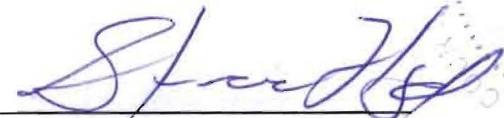
MIKE BROWN, COUNTY JUDGE



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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1



AUBREY deCORDOVA  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2



STEVE FLOYD  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3



BILL FORD  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

