

# Mexican Wolf Project Update



State Game Commission Meeting

2 July 2009

Chama, NM

# Population

- 52 wolves on 31 Dec
- 28 in Arizona with 2 breeding pairs (14 on Fort Apache Indian Reservation)
- 24 in New Mexico with no breeding pairs
  - 5 packs with 18
  - 4 single wolves
  - 5 uncollared by sign



# Mortalities

- Mid December mp1160 found dead (Investigation)
- 15 Jan F836 found dead on FAIR (Investigation)
- 16 Feb F1118 and M1039 missing Fate Unk.
- 25 Feb F1053 found dead (Investigation)



# Depredation Investigations

- 21 Jan, calf, Luna, NM, unknown
- 29 Jan, calf, Johnson Basin, NM, coyote
- 10 Feb, calf, Vernon, AZ, uncollared wolf
- 23 Mar, cow, Eagle Peak, NM, carcass 1 year old-unknown
- 15 April, calf, near Red Hill, NM, coyote



# Depredation Investigations cont.

- 11 May, calf, Coyote Peak, NM, owner declined to investigate
- 12 May, injured cow, Luna, NM, reported but not relocated
- 12 May, cow, Sand Flat, NM, confirmed F1106
- 19 May, calf, Mangus Mts., NM, probable
- 19 May, yearling, Cooney Prairie, NM, natural causes
- 15 June, calf, Canyon del Buey, NM, confirmed AM1114



# Translocations

- 19 Dec., F1106 to Ghost Lake, NM
- 18 Jan., M1039 from Lookout Mt. to Deep Creek, NM
- 20 Jan., F1054 to Fox Mountain, NM
- 23 Jan., AM871 captured, treated, and released in wilderness
- 23 Jan., F1106 captured in Luera Mts. and moved to Gila Flats, NM
- 18 Feb., F1106 captured by private trapper it was moved to Gila Flats, NM



# Contacts/ Outreach

Landowners to get permission for helicopter landing

- Permittees and Landowners especially before releases or translocations
- Forest Service
- Wildlife Society
- Sierra Club
- Deming wolf-elk model
- Radio receivers
- Wolf sightings
- Range Riders
- Proactive management



# AMOC

- Scheduled meetings in December and April were postponed
- 27 – 29 May  
AMOC/AMWG and Director's meetings  
Pinetop, AZ (minutes at [http://www.azgfd.gov/w\\_c/wolf/adaptivework.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/wolf/adaptivework.shtml))
- Conference Calls (13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, and 17 June )





# AMOC (Cont.)

- Review “Draft Mexican Wolf Conservation Assessment”
- Review Draft Environmental Assessment
- MOU revision
- Commitment from FWS to complete the recovery plan
- Commissioner McClintic and Ben Tuggle contact with the Governor to request \$5-7 million through Congressional delegation for interdiction fund



# Department

- 6 April, Dave Holdermann hired as Assistant Chief for Non-Game and Endangered Species
- 30 April, Temporary employee finished assignment
- 20 May, meeting with Directorate, CSD, and Southwest Area staff to update and strategize on wolf program
- Periodic updates for wolf subcommittee and Commission
- Trying to better estimate costs



Questions?

