

Mexican Wolf Proposed Rule Public Meeting

September 10th, 2013

COCHISE COUNTY



Public Meeting Agenda

- Background Information
- Basic Proposed Rule
- Options in Proposed Rule
- Presentation by US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Questions, Answers, Comments

Background Information

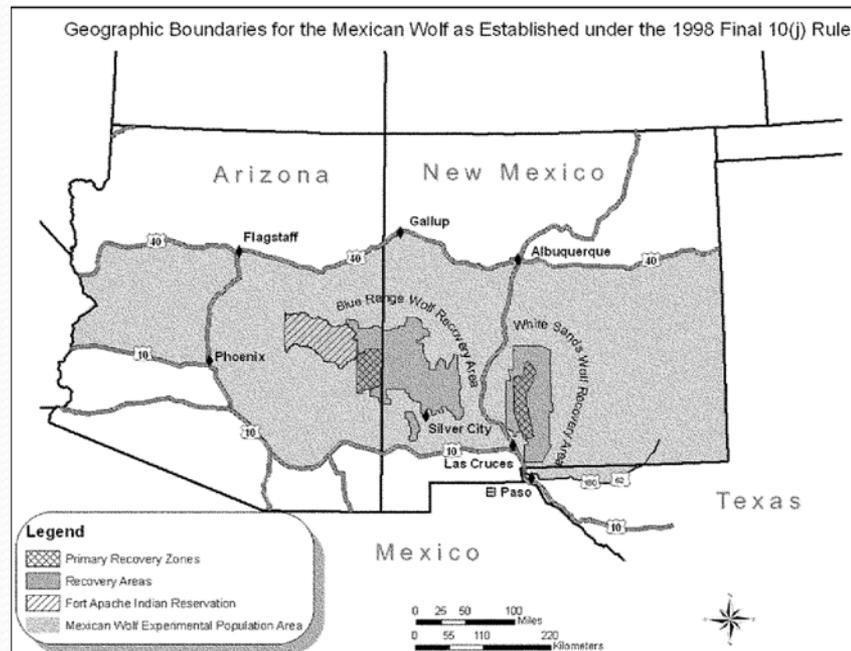
- On June 13th, 2013, the US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed:
 - Delisting of Gray Wolf
 - Renaming and Listing of the Mexican Wolf as Endangered
 - Revision to the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf
- Comments were originally due September 11th, 2013 on the listing and September 19, 2013 on the DEIS Chapters 1 & 2
- On September 5th, 2013, the Service extended the Comment Period for the listing and nonessential population revision to October 28th, 2013.
- On July 25th, 2013, Cochise County requested that a Public Hearing be held within the County.

Background Information

- Public Hearings are currently scheduled for:
 - Washington, DC on September 30th, 2013 (delisting gray wolves and listing Mexican wolf as endangered)
 - Sacramento, CA on October 2nd, 2013 (delisting gray wolves and listing Mexican wolf as endangered)
 - Albuquerque, NM on October 4th, 2013 (same as first two plus Revision to the Nonessential Experimental Population)
 - Phoenix, AZ (Date to be determined)
- Cochise County scheduled this Public Meeting to permit its citizens to provide input for comments to be submitted by the County.

Current Geographic Boundaries for the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population

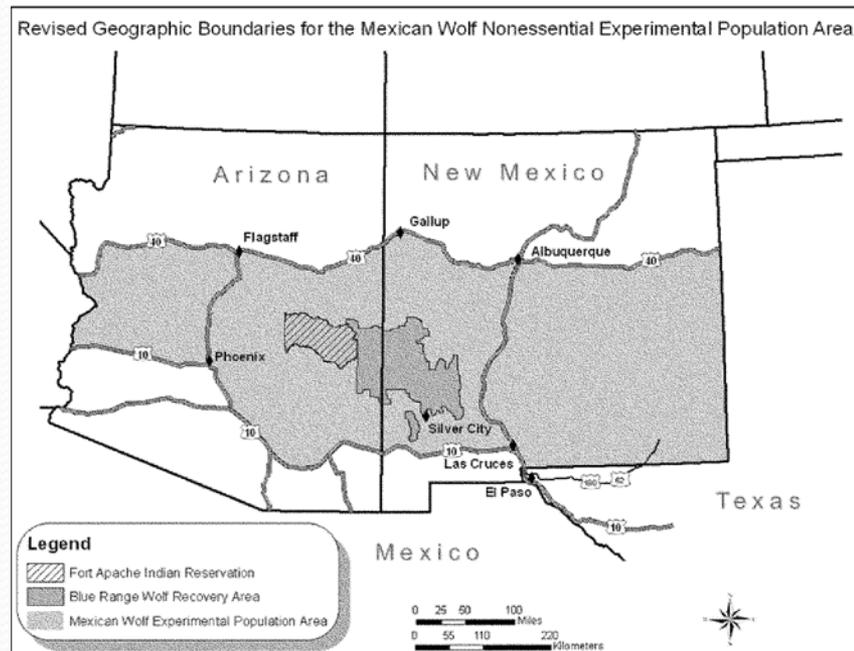
Figure 1—Geographic Boundaries for the Mexican Wolf under the 1998 Final Section 10(j) Rule.



- All shaded areas are in the Experimental Population Area.
- Hatched Areas are Primary Recovery Zones.
- Dark shaded areas are Recovery Areas.

Revised Geographic Boundaries of the Mexican Wolf Nonessential Experimental Population Area

Figure 2—Revised Geographic Boundaries for the Mexican Wolf Nonessential Experimental Population Area.



- Light shaded area is Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (MWEPA).
- Dark shaded area is Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA).

Basic Proposed Rule

1. Allow direct initial release from captivity to the wild throughout the entire BRWRA.
2. Allow to disperse naturally from the BRWRA into the MWEPA to occupy the MWEPA.
3. Remove the portion of Texas included in 1998 Final Rule.
4. Remove possible reintroduction to White Sands Wolf Recovery Area.
5. Develop and implement management actions on private land throughout the MWEPA.

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6. Develop and implement management actions on tribal land within the MWEPA.
7. Cooperate with States on conservation for the reintroduction project.
8. Clarify specific circumstances under which individuals are authorized to “take” Mexican wolves.
9. Clarify the allowable “take” for Federal agencies and authorized personnel.
10. Revise conditions for permits to allow “take” when Mexican wolves are killing, wounding, or biting livestock.

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11. Modify the “taking” of a Mexican wolf with a trap, snare, or other capture device.
12. Conduct one-time evaluation of status and recovery of Mexican wolf 5 years after the final rule designation.
13. Consider State-owned lands within the MWEPA in the same manner as other lands owned and managed by other public land management agencies.

Options in Proposed Rule

1. Move the southern boundary of the MWEPA in AZ and NM from I-10 to US-Mexico international border.
2. Expand BRWRA to include all of Sitgreaves National Forest in AZ.
3. Expand BRWRA to include Tonoto National Forest in Payson, Pleasant Valley, and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts.
4. Expand BRWRA to include Magdalena Ranger District in Cibola National Forest in NM

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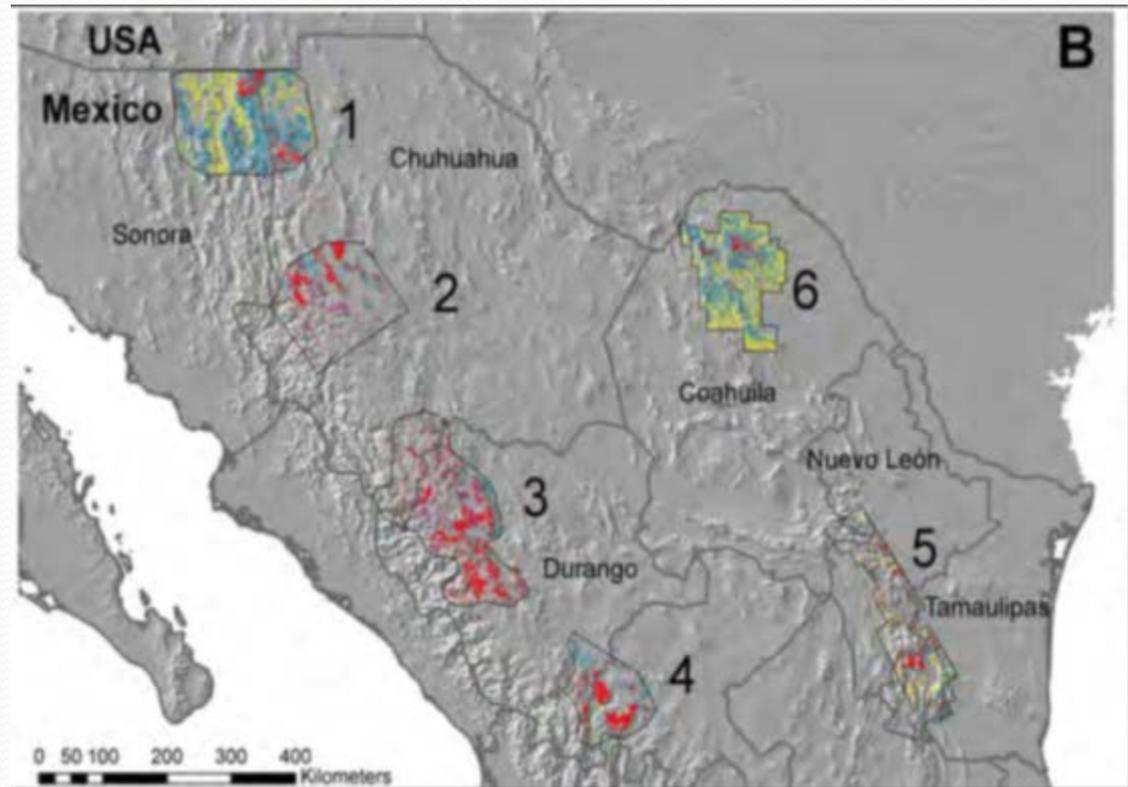
- Include provisions for “take” by pet owners of any Mexican wolf engaged in the act of killing, wounding, or biting pets on private or tribal land within the MWEPA.
- Change term “depredation” to “depredation incident”.
- Include provisions for the issuance of permits on private or tribal lands within the MWEPA for livestock owners to “take”.

Releases of Mexican Wolf in Mexico, Just South of US Border

Mexico began reintroducing wolves in October 2011

Wolves released in Northern Chihuahua in 2012 and 2013, just south of Douglas, Cochise County, AZ

Wolves that enter the US from Mexico are “endangered”, triggering Endangered Species Act consultations and permitting



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Presentation by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



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