

# **FACTS NOT FEAR: Tell Governor Lujan Grisham to oppose the Catron County resolution to declare a state of emergency**

The Catron County Board of County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to declare a "state of emergency" in Catron Country due to the presence and perceived impacts of endangered Mexican gray wolves. They plan to follow this up with a request to Governor Lujan Grisham.

**They are implementing a misinformation campaign to drum up fears** of human safety and exaggerate claims of livestock losses. The facts tell a different story. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data shows that wolf depredations per 100 wolves have actually been DECREASING since 2019. Despite claims of public safety risks, there is not a single documented case of a Mexican wolf attacking a human.

Their initiative calls for defunding the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program and prematurely delisting the Mexican gray wolf, and with that, a return to heavy-handed lethal control to reduce the number of wolves in the county. This is a major threat to Mexican wolf conservation and would set back decades of progress to recover this rare native species.

**All New Mexicans who care about wolves and wild nature need to step up and speak out against this.**

If you live in New Mexico, please consider [signing this petition](#) opposing Catron County's attempt to cry wolf.

Ask Governor Lujan Grisham not to sign the Catron County disaster declaration. The Governor should support continued funding and legal protections for Mexican gray wolves, the rarest gray wolf subspecies in North America. Save disaster recovery funding for real disasters, not myths and misinformation.

Once you've signed, please share the petition with other New Mexico residents. Just be sure to mention that folks must be New Mexico residents to sign on.

Figure 1. Depredation data for the Mexican gray wolf recovery program (preliminary) in Arizona and New Mexico (Source: USFWS).

