

Speak up for Wolves - Attend upcoming meetings

The Trump administration has released a draft Mexican Wolf "Recovery" Plan, and it is bad news for our struggling desert lobo wolves.

This plan would suppress wolf numbers, sharply limit their distribution and hand over the rare wolves' management to political appointees on state game commissions -- people who are selected in large part from among the livestock and hunting-outfitter industries.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

US FWS (US Fish and Wildlife Service) is collecting public input at four meetings in New Mexico and Arizona in July. This is your chance to speak out and resist.

Come early to prepare -- we'll have "wolf den" situation rooms set up at each location before the meetings to help you prepare your comments, answer questions about the plan and the process, and to connect with other wolf supporters. Free t-shirts will be given out, first come, first served.

Truth or Consequences, NM

Truth or Consequences Civic Center, Ralph Edwards Auditorium
400 W Fourth Street
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

Prep at the Wolf Den: 3:30 - 5 PM

Rally: 5 - 5:45 PM

FWS Meeting: 6 - 9pm

July 22nd - Albuquerque, NM ([Facebook Event](#)) -

Crowne Plaza Albuquerque
1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

(Prep at the Wolf Den: 11 am - 12:45 pm

Rally: 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

FWS Meeting: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Need more convincing? Here's why this plan is so bad

Mexican wolves, or "lobos," number fewer than 150 in the wild in the U.S. Southwest and Mexico, along with about 250 in captivity. The wolves in the wild in the U.S. suffer from close relatedness and dangerous inbreeding.

The Trump plan would allow politicized game departments to decide whether or not to release wolves from captivity, which scientists urgently recommend to ameliorate the inbreeding.

When states previously were in charge, from 2004 to 2008, they authorized widespread trapping and shooting of wolves and the wolf population plunged

This plan authorizes the suppression of wolf numbers for the next five years -- till 2022 -- which the states would gladly do again. Even worse, the wolves would be taken off the endangered species list and handed entirely to state control after there are just 320 in the wild in the U.S. and 170 in Mexico -- but unconnected to each other, to accommodate a wall -- and with no guarantee or even a likelihood of genetic viability for either population.

The restrictions in this plan would be enforced with traps, neck-snares and bullets and would doom the Mexican gray wolf to extinction. It's not a recovery plan, it's a recovery sham.