



ARIZONA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

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KC CLARK, NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF, PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, in 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published in the Federal Register a final rule that established a nonessential experimental population of Mexican wolves in Arizona and New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed new revisions to the existing nonessential experimental population designation of the Mexican wolf and submitted notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona Sheriffs remain highly skeptical of allowing any experimental population of Mexican wolves in Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona Sheriffs find the growth, stability, and success of the nonessential experimental population of Mexican wolves to be adequate under the 1998 rule that established the experimental population; and,

WHEREAS, the introduction of additional Mexican wolves into Arizona counties poses a serious risk to the safety of Arizona's communities; and,

WHEREAS, Mexican wolves have been known to prey on livestock and other ungulates (especially deer); and,

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the final rule promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (63 C.F.R. §§1752, 1759), and the proposed new rule (78 FR 35719) contain inadequate "taking" provisions for responding to threats and emergencies created by Mexican wolf encounters; and,

WHEREAS, proposed efforts by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to contain the growth of Mexican wolf populations in specified geographic boundaries is unrealistic and dubious; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona sheriff deputies are the primary authority who must respond to incidents and emergencies created by Mexican wolf encounters in Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona cattle growers comprise a vital component of Arizona's economic vitality; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona cattle growers also oppose the efforts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand the number of Mexican wolves and geographic boundaries for the Mexican wolf experimental population area due to the risk posed to their livelihood; and,

WHEREAS, the safety and security of Arizona's communities are at the heart of every Arizona Sheriff's mission and purpose; and,



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WHEREAS, increasing the number and geographic boundaries for known predators is not in the interest of the safety and security of Arizona's communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Arizona Sheriffs Association opposes any efforts by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to expand the number of Mexican wolves and geographic boundaries for the Mexican wolf experimental population area.

Signed this 2 day of October , 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly C. Clark".

By: _____
K.C. Clark, President
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