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SENT VIA EMAIL TO Brady\_Mcgee@fws.gov

**Re: Depredation on North Palomas Allotment**

Dear Dr. McGee:

It has come to my attention that there have been two confirmed depredations by Mexican wolves on the North Palomas Allotment (Bob and Jennafer Daugherty), near the Seco release site in my district. Specifically, my constituents lost a yearling heifer and a calf as a result of the two separate kill incidents.

I am requesting that your agency take the wolf(s) in question and carry out an intentional or opportunistic harassment, nonlethal control measures, translocation, placement in captivity, or lethal control of problem wolves pursuant to the authority granted to you in 50 C.F.R. Part 17.84(k)(7)(vii). In the alternative, I am requesting that you issue my constituent a permit to take the wolves in question pursuant to the provisions of 50 C.F.R. Part 17.84(k)(7)(iv).

It is also my position that my constituents should be compensated for their losses as a result of the depredation.

Ranching is a critical part of the culture and economy of New Mexico and logically, as reintroduced packs of Mexican Gray wolves have grown, so have the number of depredations, leaving New Mexican ranchers increasingly more vulnerable to losses. The depredation problem is growing increasingly worse and it is time to address the problem through the mechanisms provided via federal regulations.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

REBECCA DOW  
State Representative

CC: Elisabeth Johnson, Esq.