

Mexican gray wolf update



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Range
Improvement
Task
Force



Timeline:

1976 – Mexican gray wolf (Mgw) listed as endangered

1982 – Recovery plan is completed

1997 – Bruce Babbitt signed ROD allowing for release of wolves

1998 – 11 Mexican gray wolves

1998

-2012 litigation, uncertainty, depredations, illegal killing, releases, translocations

2013 – Proposal to delist & proposal to change 10(j)

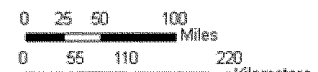
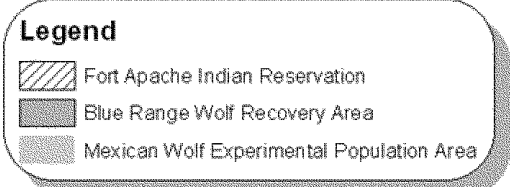
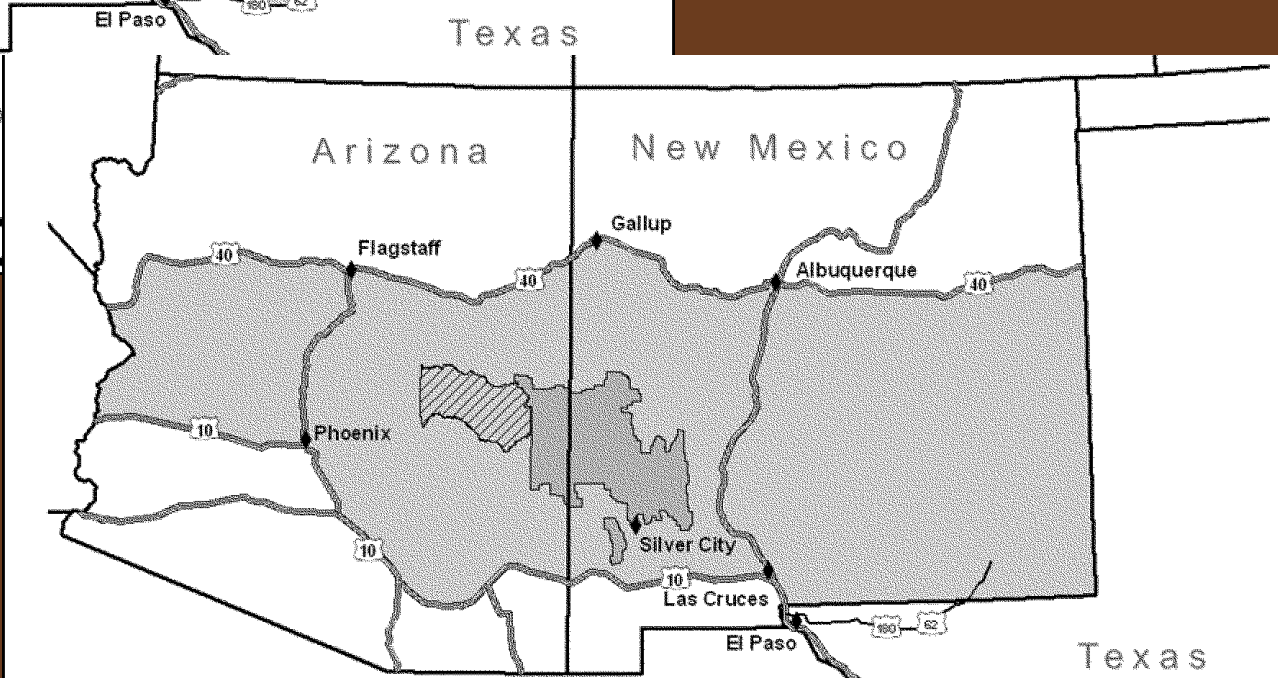
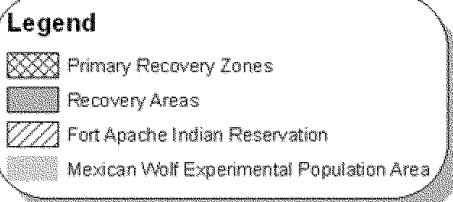
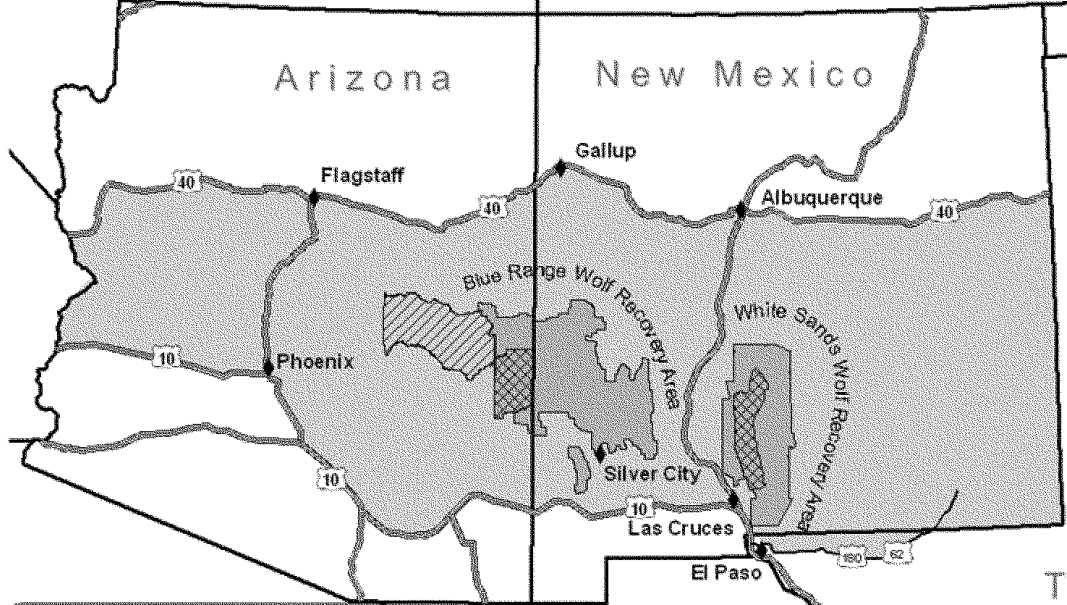
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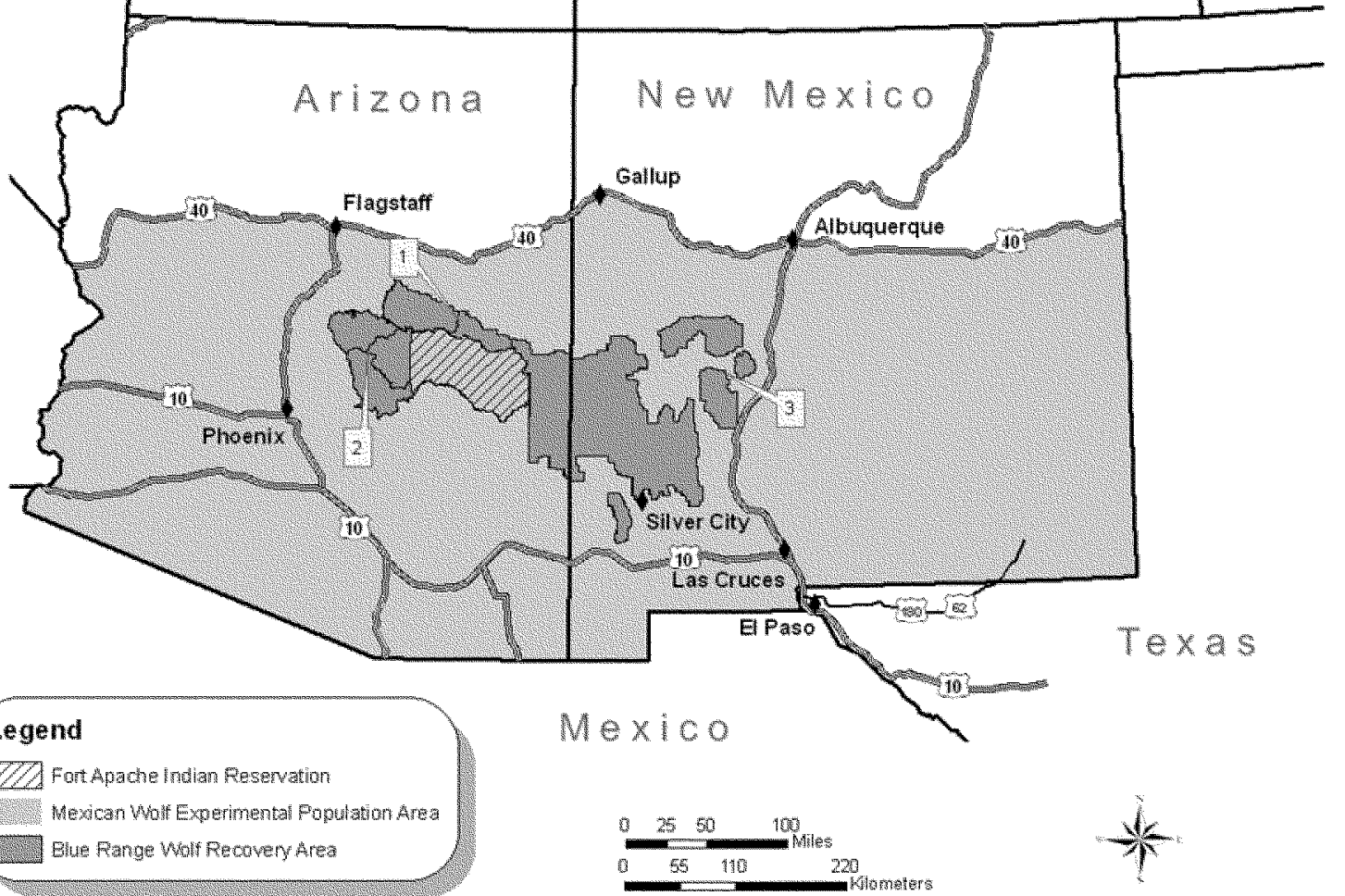
Proposal to Removing the Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Maintaining Protections for the Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) by Listing It as Endangered

Proposed Revision to the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf
Or 10(j) rule

A solicited peer-review of the proposal to delist the gray wolf was not favorable and brings into question the ability of USFWS to proceed.

A scientific review of proposal to change 10(j) rule indicated a lack of clarity and information regarding proposed rule changes.





1. Sitgreaves NF
2. Tonto NF
3. Magdalena RD / Cibola
4. MWEPA expand to Mx border

| Year | Minimum Population Estimate |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1998 | 4 |
| 1999 | 15 |
| 2000 | 22 |
| 2001 | 26 |
| 2002 | 41 |
| 2003 | 55 |
| 2004 | 44-48 ^a |
| 2005 | 35-49 ^a |
| 2006 | 59 |
| 2007 | 52 |
| 2008 | 52 |
| 2009 | 42 |
| 2010 | 50 |
| 2011 | 67 |
| 2012 | 75 |
| 2013 | 83 |

Minimum known alive is the count of known individuals in the population.

No estimates of precision are associated with such estimates – meaning???

Reported Expenses through 2012:
\$28,790,435

Settlement

Draft EIS in 2014

Decision on proposed delisting ???????

Decision on Proposed 10(j)

USFWS must publish a ROD by Jan. 12, 2015

QUESTIONS?

