

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR LOBOS

~ *Write a Letter to Governor Richardson* ~

Governor Bill Richardson
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Richardson,

I am writing to thank you for all of your efforts to save New Mexico's wild Mexican gray wolves. I truly appreciate your strong leadership on this issue, but our Lobos are in dire straits and need your help now more than ever.

A new report issued on February 8th, 2008 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows that there are just 23 wild lobos left in the Land of Enchantment. As a citizen of this great state, I find this statistic completely unacceptable.

Governor Richardson, I am urging you to call for an immediate end to SOP 13 until the objective of at least 100 wolves has been met in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. Killing or permanently removing wolves should not be the primary means to address conflict with cattle. If we continue on this path, we risk the second extinction of this rare, ecologically important carnivore.

Governor, please do everything in your power to save our lobos - our amigos. The Land of Enchantment is forever indebted to your service to our wildest public lands and the wildlife that depend on them.

Sincerely,

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~ *Write a Letter to Senator Bingaman* ~

Senator Jeff Bingaman
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman,

As a resident of the great state of New Mexico, I am writing to request that you stand up for the endangered Mexican gray wolf, our Lobo.

Wolves help keep deer and elk herds healthy, provide left-over food for scavenging animals such as bears, eagles, and badgers, and have even been shown to restore streamside vegetation through keeping elk from lingering in riparian areas. They are amazing, intelligent, social animals that have a critical role to play in the ecosystems of the southwest.

But they are in trouble. When reintroduction began in 1998, the Mexican wolf population was projected to reach 102 animals, including 18 breeding pairs by the end of 2006, and continue to rise from there. Instead, at last count there were only 52 wolves and 3 breeding pairs in the wilds of New Mexico and Arizona combined. There are just 23 wolves left in the Land of Enchantment.

I am urging you to work with the Fish and Wildlife Service to change course and create policies based on science, not politics. If we continue on this path, we risk the second extinction of this rare, ecologically important carnivore.

Our Lobos need your help. Please do everything in your power to protect our Mexican wolves and help steer this program in the right direction.

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