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June 9, 2025

Representative Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. [AZ-09]
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: House Bill ___ to remove the Mexican wolf from the lists of threatened species and endangered species published pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Gosar:

Thank you for listening to the concerns of your constituents in Arizona and to the citizens of southwestern New Mexico who must contend with the threats from Mexican wolves on a daily basis. For years we have had a livestock crisis in the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area south of I-40. Our livestock issues have been ignored. Now we also have a public safety disaster from habituated Mexican wolves, which no one can legitimately ignore. Action must be taken to protect our people, pets and livestock from the wolves.

Representatives from Catron County, New Mexico have burned up the roads for close to two and a half decades to attend meetings on the Mexican wolves. We have pled with the Fish and Wildlife Service to adopt management practices that will protect people, pets and livestock. Repeatedly, we have been disregarded. On April 8, our County Commission had no choice but to declare a public safety disaster in our County. A copy is attached. I support your bill to remove the Mexican wolf from the list of threatened and endangered species. It is the right move. The provision to de-link Mexican wolf recovery in the United States from recovery in Mexico is spot on.

Thank you, sir. You are listening and acting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haydn Forward", is written over a horizontal line.

Haydn Forward, Commissioner
District 3, Catron County, New Mexico

Encl.: April 8, 2025 Catron County, New Mexico public safety disaster resolution