



Mexican Wolf Project Update

State Game Commission Meeting

December 4, 2008

Deming, NM

31 December 2007 Population Status*

52 Wolves Total

- 23 Wolves in New Mexico
- 21 Wolves in Arizona
- 8 Wolves on White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Apache Reservations

•Wolf population is determined only once each year as of 31 December

New Mexico Wolves Dec. 1

- Named packs with radio collars
 - Dark Canyon (3)
 - Laredo (1)
 - Luna (2)
 - Middle Fork (3)
 - Moonshine (1)
 - San Mateo (2)

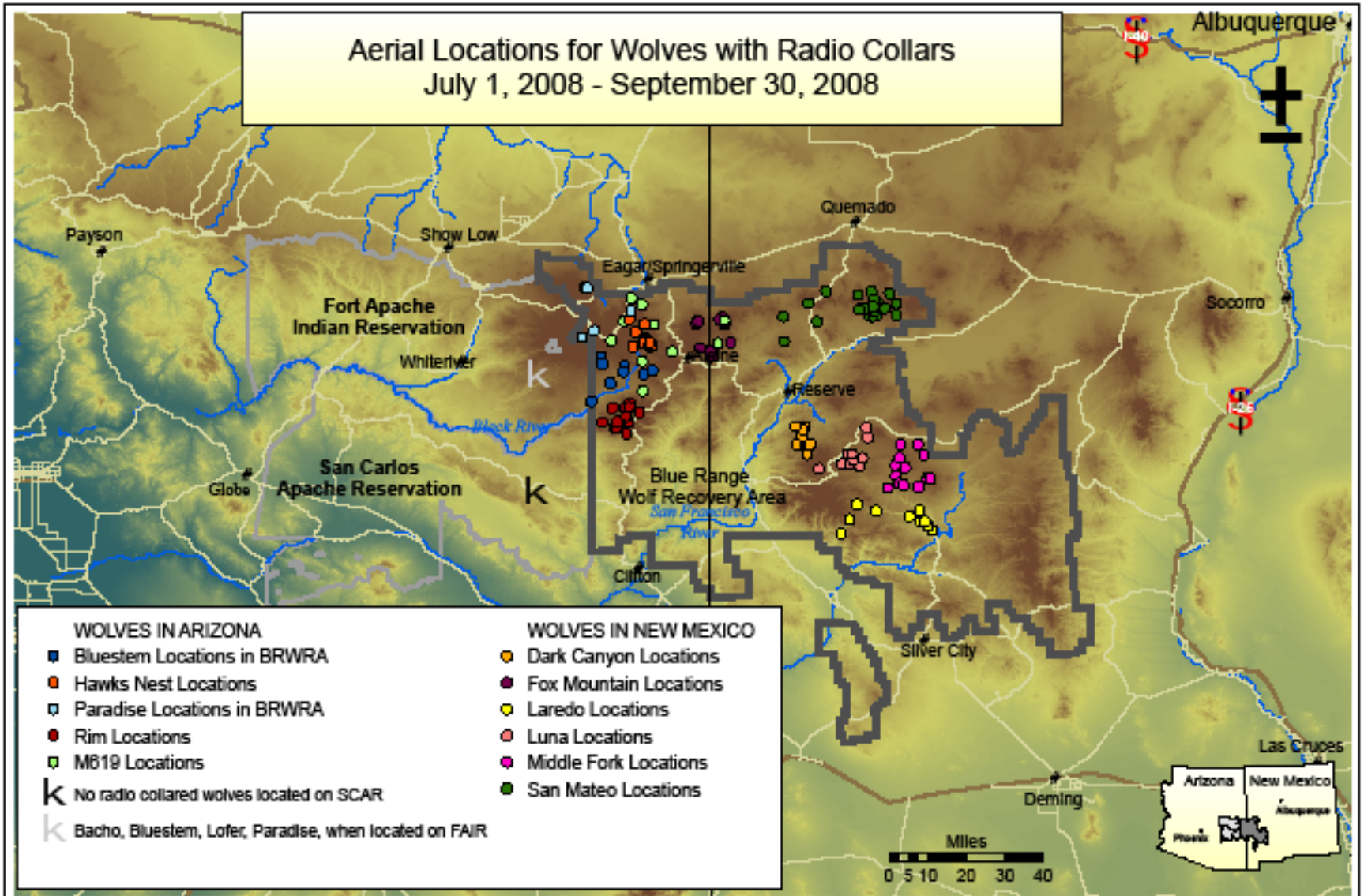


Arizona Wolves on Dec. 1

- Named packs with radio collars
 - Bacho (2)
 - Bluestem (3)
 - Fox Mountain (3)
 - Hawks Nest (3)
 - Loafer (1)
 - Moonshine (1)
 - Paradise (1)
 - Rim (2)
 - Single (1)

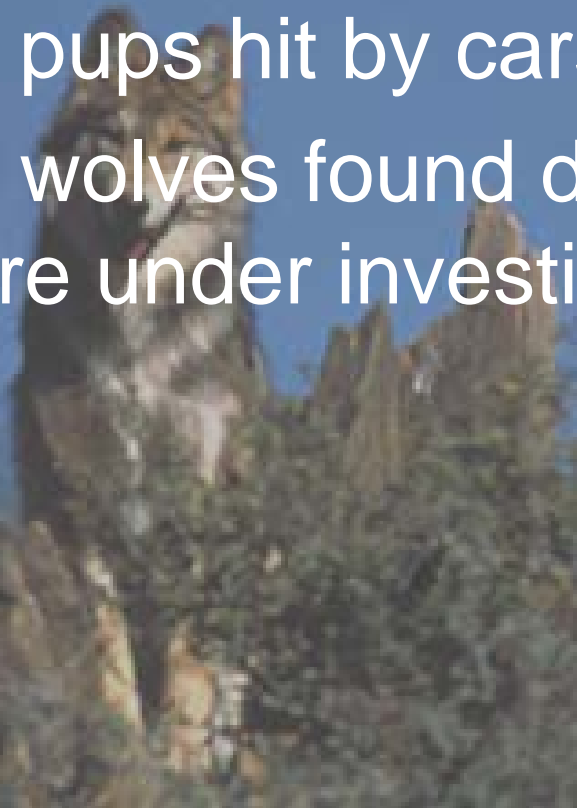


Locations July-September



2008 Known Mortalities

- 4 wolves killed by illegal shootings
- 4 carcasses indeterminate cause of death
- 2 pups hit by cars
- 2 wolves found dead and circumstances are under investigation



Project Accomplishments

April to December

- SOP 11 and 13 clarification memo discussion
- Mexican wolf EIS scoping report completed
- Startup meeting for NEPA process
- Translocate pair of wolves to Gila Wilderness 17 June
- Develop a Conservation Assessment for Mexican wolves
- Translocate wolf to Gila Wilderness 6 Nov.
- Initial release of a pair of wolves in Arizona 17 Nov.
- AMOC MOU expired in October 08, AMOC continues to operate under existing MOU, and discussions are underway on developing a new AMOC MOU

New Mexico Game and Fish Accomplishments in 2008

- Hired 2 temporary employees to assist the IFT
- Identified and prepared contracts for 2 range riders
- Responded to Inspection of Public Records Act request
- Hired Paula Capece as NMDGF Field Team Leader
- Work Group crafted a USFWS response to wolf mortalities
- Provided funding to help complete a fence to permit an individual to exclude wolves from a sheep operation
- Hosted AMOC and AMWG meetings in Glenwood
- Renewed cooperative agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Service to support wolf management
- Conducted a wolf GAIN tour for 7 individuals

2008 NMDGF Initiatives

- Consistent push toward more adaptive management
- Enhanced and focused landowner outreach
- Additional temporary assistance for the IFT
- Translocation of one pair of wolves to the wild
- Translocation of two individual wolves to the wild
- Implementing Range Rider Program

