

# Get outdoors! Have fun! Help protect Mexican gray wolves!

There's a critical need for observers in the recovery area right now.



Your presence in the recovery area, camping, hiking, fishing, bird watching, or simply relaxing can help protect Mexican gray wolves.

Mexican wolves are vulnerable to illegal killing and wildlife management agency decisions to remove or kill them because of depredations on livestock. The presence of supportive observers can help reduce this vulnerability and document conditions, including livestock carcasses that can lead to depredation.

In the spring and summer, Mexican wolf packs are denning, with litters of pups that represent the hope of recovery for this critically imperiled subspecies.

**This is a time of great vulnerability for lobos.** Denning wolves are localized—remaining in a small area for an extended period.

If a pack localizes in an area with a large number of livestock, the wolves may find that their wild prey have moved away. Carcasses of cattle that have died of disease, birthing complications, eating poisonous plants, falls, or other causes may attract the wolves to scavenge. Scavenging, in turn, may encourage the wolves to prey on livestock, leading grazing permittees to demand their removal from the wild.

Denning wolves are especially vulnerable to illegal killing, as their movements are more predictable than at any other season.



## Important rules for people camping and hiking in Mexican wolf home ranges:

- **You may** harass a wolf that presents itself, in any manner that does not cause injury to it, by throwing objects, yelling, banging pans together, etc.
- **You may not** intentionally attract, search for, or chase a wolf and then harass it.

***Tracking or following wolves and trying to scare them away from livestock or particular areas where they may be vulnerable is not permissible and must be left to the agency professionals.***

Call or e-mail us for information about which areas have wolves and where to camp and hike. All we'll ask is that you fill out a simple, one-page form with your observations after you return.

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