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Monthly activity report - April 1992

Regional Director, FWS, Atlanta, GA (FWE/SE)
Attention: Mr. Dave Flemming

Following are my accomplishments for the month of April:

I attended a meeting at Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Park) headquarters to discuss results achieved to date and to plan the activities for the second year of the Park reintroduction. The back-up pair of wolves and their litter of pups will be released into Cades Cove in late summer of 1992. The adult female in the wild will most likely be pulled back into captivity, but the two pups may be left in the wild. Another family group will also be released into the Park, outside of Cades Cove. Project personnel and I evaluated the Hazel Creek and Tremont areas for possible release sites. The Tremont area has tentatively been selected for the second release site. The family group for this second release area will be transferred from Alligator River in early May. We made a decision to compensate the owner of a calf presumably killed by wolves and I drafted a letter to initiate the compensation process.

I made a presentation to the Supervisor and staff of the National Forests in North Carolina to initiate cooperative efforts on national forest lands as part of the Southern Appalachians reintroduction. The Forest Service was very receptive, and plans were laid for evaluating potential sites.

Chris Lucash and I prepared a writeup on the Park release to be included in a recovery paper which will be presented at a Wolf Symposium in August of 1992. I also reviewed the entire manuscript and provided comments to Mike Phillips, the senior author.

Requests are still being received for the Environmental Assessment on the Park project; four requests were filled this month.

I reviewed three separate manuscripts (two on red wolves and one on grey wolves) and provided comments to the authors. I sent a letter to Dr. Bob Wayne with questions and concerns regarding genetics. Just recently, I received his response. I prepared another letter regarding genetic testing of wolves and sent it to an interested inquirer.

I prepared a 10 to 15 minute presentation on the Park reintroduction and a paragraph summarizing the Horn Island project for the Regional Director to use in a meeting of the "Big Four" Federal agencies to be held to Asheville in early May. I prepared a presidential paragraph for North Carolina for the Washington Office. I also gave a presentation to