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REPLY TO: Red Wolf Coordinator, FWS, Asheville, NC
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - ^{November}~~October~~ 1992

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

Following are my accomplishments and other items of interest for the month of November:

Alligator River Reintroduction - An adult female, whose radio had not functioned for approximately 6 months, was recaptured and a new radio was installed. I submitted a summary report on the 5-year experimental release and a 1-page summary of the public meetings held to the Regional Office for their review and approval to proceed with westward expansion. Upon request from the Washington Office, I sent a revised briefing statement on the red wolf, as well as the 5-year summary and public meeting summary to the Deputy Director. I prepared a draft cover memo for the Regional Director's signature to accompany the reports to the Deputy Director.

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - One of the yearling wolves, released in 1991 and then recaptured, escaped from the acclimation pen without a radio. Although she was not seen for 10 days after her escape, contact was made and she was recaptured 13 days after she escaped. She was returned to the pen with a capture collar in case of future escapes. A canid sighting, believed by the observer to be a red wolf, occurred between Oak Ridge and Clinton Tennessee. I sent a response assuring the observer that the animal was not a red wolf.

Captive-breeding Populations - I reviewed the quarterly report and approved payment for the period of July 1, 1992, through September 30, 1992.

General - I requested an extension from the Fish and Wildlife Foundation to continue the Red Wolf Fund through July 31, 1994. The \$40,000 challenge grant has not yet been met. In my capacity as a member of the Canid, Hyena, and Aardwolf Taxon Advisory Group I reviewed and supported a petition to develop a North American Studbook for Aardwolves by the Oklahoma City Zoological Park. The article in Southern Living magazine has generated numerous requests for information. This month I filled at least 17 information requests; each packet contained a minimum of 14 items. Six requests also required written responses providing information on employment, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to support the program. I took a total of 62 hours of annual leave and 16 hours of sick leave.

Following are revisions that occurred this month in the locations and numbers of red wolves.

A. Wild Populations.

1. Alligator River NWR - The wild animals that had been temporarily held in captivity, while trapping for the remaining pack members continued, were rereleased. Therefore, totals are 30 to 32 wolves, including 23 to 25 adults (8 males, 14 to 15 females, 1 to 2 unknown) and 7 pups (2 males, 1 female, 4 unknown).

B. Island Propagation Projects.

1. Bulls Island, Cape Romain NWR, South Carolina - The adult pair was recaptured and transferred to Alligator River.
2. St. Vincent NWR, Florida - The adult male was recaptured and transferred to Alligator River.

C. Captive Propagation.

1. Sandy Ridge, Alligator River NWR - The 3 arrivals from Bulls Island and St. Vincent result in a total of 12 adults (6 males, 6 females.)

D. Total - Same--203 to 205.

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