

memorandum

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

SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - October 1992

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

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

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - The release of two adults and four pups into Cades Cove was conducted on October 9. A press conference was held outdoors in Cades Cove. I prepared and delivered a statement at that conference and reviewed and provided comments on the statement the Park Service presented. The release is going well with the wolves staying within the Cove. I participated in a meeting with representatives of four national forests and three state wildlife agencies regarding evaluation of expanding the Southern Appalachians reintroduction onto National Forest land. I have reviewed and provided comments on the notes from the meeting which were drafted by the U.S. Forest Service.

Captive Breeding Populations - I participated in a meeting at the Tacoma Zoo to decide on pairings and locations of wolves for the 1993 breeding season. Animals presently at island propagation facilities will be removed to Alligator River as part of eight candidate pairings for possible 1993 wild reintroductions. Six of these pairings will reside at Alligator River and two will reside in the Smokies. Replacement animals were selected for the islands. Upon their request, I sent a letter to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma regarding our intent to fund the red wolf captive breeding project in 1993. I also sent a letter to the Director of Conservation and Science for American Association of Zoological Parks & Aquariums (AAZPA) supporting Will Waddell as the replacement for Roland Smith as AAZPA Red Wolf Species Coordinator and Studbook Keeper.

Other - I reviewed and provided comments to the author of an article regarding red wolves. Information request of all kinds continue at a steady pace. I sent one letter in answer to an inquiry regarding island releases; another response provided a color slide and information on the availability and source of photos and paintings of the red wolf. A few other responses provided information on red wolf project employment opportunities as well as general information packets and information on contributions to the red wolf fund. I also sent at least seven additional packets of information without correspondence. I took a total of 42 hours of annual leave this month.

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

A. Wild Populations.

1. Alligator River NWR - Two pups (1 male, 1 female) and a yearling female were caught and placed temporarily into captivity while trapping for remaining animals in the pack continues. That leaves 27 to 29 wolves in the wild including 22 to 24 adults and yearlings (8 males, 13-14 females, 1-2 unknown) and 5 pups.
2. Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) - An adult pair and four pups (3 males, 1 female) were released in Cades Cove. These six animals are the entire wild population at present.

C. Captive Propagation.

1. Sandy Ridge, Alligator River NWR - An adult male was transferred to the GSMNP for pairing with a yearling female in captivity. Two pups and a yearling female were placed in captivity from the wild. Totals are now 12 animals, including 10 adults and yearlings (4 males, 6 females) and 2 pups (1 male, 1 female).
2. GSMNP - The adult male from Alligator River was received for pairing with one of the yearling females. One family group containing an adult pair and four pups was released. Totals are now nine animals with five adults and yearlings (2 males, 3 females) and four pups (3 males, 1 female).

D. Total - Same--203-205.

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