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Dan Ashe
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Director Ashe,

As you are aware, the Office of the Inspector General (IG) for the US Department of the Interior issued a report on July 11, 2016 concerning mismanagement allegations of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program (MGWRP).

The IG's report documents acts of falsification, lying, manipulation, and mismanagement of the MGWRP. To date, the FWS has not taken all of the appropriate actions in response to these findings, which puts the program in legal jeopardy. The public is due a full and detailed accounting by the FWS. As Director, I expect that you recognize that it is in the best interest of the FWS, the MGWRP, and the American public to respond expeditiously, while providing complete transparency.

I submit the following questions for your response:

1. Please provide the following information specific to wolf M1113:
 - a. Copies of all emails.
 - b. Copies of all nuisance reports.
 - c. Copies of all staff and volunteer logs and journals.
2. Was the current Interagency Field Team (IFT) Coordinator aware of the former IFT Coordinator's omissions in documenting nuisance reports at the time that the omissions were occurring? (p. 3-4)
 - a. If so, please provide documentation that such omissions were reported or that the former IFT Coordinator was counseled.
3. The IG's report confirms allegations that the former IFT Coordinator acted inappropriately (p. 1).
 - a. Was the former IFT Coordinator's supervisor or FWS management notified of the misconduct prior to the investigation of the IG's office?

- c. Has any FWS employee or volunteer received awards (monetary or commendation) in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015 connected to their work on the MGWRP?

I request that you please provide all the information requested in this letter before August 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Mr. Todd Willens at (202) 225-2365.

Sincerely,



Steve Pearce
Member of Congress