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Mexican Wolf Lethally Removed From the Wild for Public Safety Reasons

Last night, December 14, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) made the difficult decision to lethally remove F1105, a female Mexican wolf, from the wild in Catron County, New Mexico.

F1105 was seen frequently visiting private property so the Mexican wolf Interagency Field Team (IFT) was given the green light to try to capture her and remove her from the wild. The IFT, working with USDA Wildlife Services, made several attempts to dart her but couldn't get close enough for this to be effective.

Concerns for public safety became an issue after she continued to be present on ranch property so the Service gave the order to proceed with lethal removal.

The IFT acted properly and professionally throughout this action. Their rapid response to this problem helped prevent further concerns about public safety from escalating.

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