

Pinetop Training Call Monday, December 2nd

6:30 to 7:30 pm MST

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Road Map

- What is a public hearing and why should you attend?
- What to expect
- How to prepare
- Hearing details



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What is a Public Hearing?

- An opportunity for the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to hear from the public directly
- Provides another way to offer official comments (other than in writing)
- Oral testimony becomes part of the official record





If not you, then who?

This is your opportunity to share your passion and opinion with key decision makers.

Always Remember —your voice does make a difference!







What to Expect?



- Speak directly to a panel of 3-5 federal officials and biologists
- Testimony will be recorded
- You will not be able to ask questions of the panel while testifying
- Address the panel, not the audience
- Strict time limit will be between 1 and 3 minutes, depending on how many sign in to speak.



What to Expect?

Who else will be there?

- Fellow wolf supporters
- Press and Media
- People who do not like Mexican gray wolves



It's important to be civil and professional in your comments and actions

Those who do not like lobos may be vocal and loud – don't let them distract you from giving your important comments and do not engage them.



How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

It's essential for FWS to HEAR that you want any new Mexican wolf rules to support real recovery



Mike Wheeler

Most important: Use your own words!

- Use Defenders' talking points to get started, but...
- Don't use all of the talking points
- Write out your testimony and submit it at the hearing
- You will only have one to three minutes



How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

A few more tips

- Start with the statement that you support full recovery of Mexican wolves
- Explain that any rule changes must be based on the best science
- Personalize your testimony
- You don't need to include background information on wolf recovery





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How to Prepare: Before the Hearing

Practice your testimony at home to make sure you are within the time limit



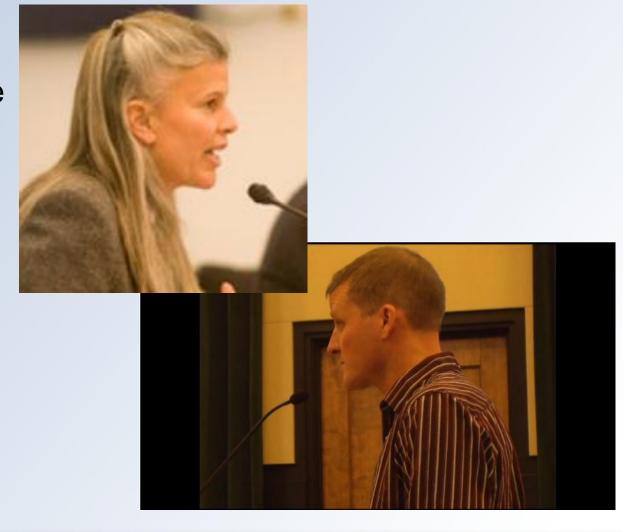


The panel will ask you to stop once you've reached the time limit.



Tips for Testifying in Person

- Speak slowly and clearly
- Make eye contact with the panel
- Stay focused in your message
- Be respectful of the hearing officers and others while they are testifying
- It's okay to be nervous!





The Day of the Hearing

Pick up your Save the Lobo sticker to show your support!

Look for Defenders and other pro-wolf groups in the Hotel Boardroom

- meet fellow wolf activists
- get last minute information and updates
- practice and refine your testimony

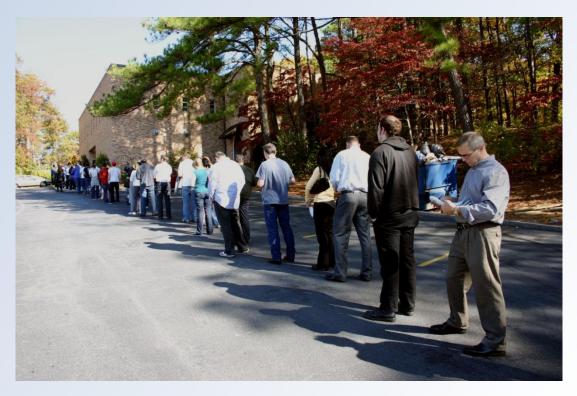




The Day of the Hearing

Be sure to pick up your Save the Lobo sticker to show support!

Starting at 3:30 pm, meet us in the Hotel Boardroom for inspiration, information, and refreshments! The FWS briefing will begin at 3:30, and the hearing will begin at 6.



There is a lot of interest in this issue, and we want to make sure our voices our heard.



Pinetop, Arizona Tuesday December 3rd

Hearing Location

Hon-Dah Conference Center
3 miles outside of Pinetop - Junction of Hwy 260
and Hwy 73
Public Hearing: 6 – 9 pm

Save the Lobo Headquarters

Hon-Dah Conference Center
Hotel Boardroom
3 miles outside of Pinetop - Junction of Hwy 260
and Hwy 73
3:30 pm on

Arrive as early as 3:30 for refreshments and inspiration. Be there by 5 pm to sign up to testify, and don't miss the pro-wolf demonstration outside at 5:15.





Questions?

