



GRAND CANYON
WOLF RECOVERY PROJECT
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Dear Friend of the Wolf,

Thank you for your generous support this year. *Your commitment to wolves and wolf recovery is essential to our work to restore wolves in the Grand Canyon region!*

The year has been a transformative one for the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project. After operating for nine years as a fiscally sponsored non-profit, we took the necessary steps to incorporate and apply to the IRS as a stand-alone 501(c)3, tax-exempt non-profit organization! We are dedicated to working on behalf of wild wolves in the Grand Canyon region, while building a culture of co-existence and respect for these animals over the long-haul. Our new non-profit status will give us the opportunity to build our capacity and grow to meet the challenges ahead for the benefit of wolves. **We are grateful for your support in helping us grow in this new phase of our organization!**

We are also excited to announce that we moved to a new office space in August. Our new office is located at 2721 N. 4th Street, Suite 31, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. Our mailing address will continue to be P.O. Box 233, Flagstaff, AZ 86002, but we can receive shipments and are happy to have visitors at our new location. If you are in the area and would like to stop by for a visit, please feel free to call me at (928) 202-1325 or email me at emily@gcwoolfrecovery.org to arrange a time.



A female Northern gray wolf returns to the Kaibab Plateau just north of the Grand Canyon in Arizona for the first time in over 70 years.
Photo by AZGFD.

Perhaps the most exciting news this year is the natural return of a dispersing female Northern gray wolf to the Grand Canyon region in northern Arizona. **Please celebrate with us and share the news of the first confirmed wolf to live in the Grand Canyon region in over 70 years!** While we claim no credit for this wolf's long journey, her decision to localize in the excellent habitat of the Kaibab Plateau does validate the scientific research that shows the Grand Canyon region is important wolf habitat – and our work to restore wolves here! The Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project has hosted outreach tables at the North Rim in Grand Canyon National Park for many years to prepare the public for the day when wolves would return to the area. We hope other wolves will soon follow her path and form a pack with her. The Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project will be advocating for her protection every step of the way.

Supporting the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project with your end-of-year contribution will allow us to take full advantage of current opportunities to bring about wolf recovery throughout the region. Thank you for supporting our important work to protect endangered wolves and to bring them home to their historic range.

For the wolves,

Emily Renn, Executive Director

The Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project is the only organization whose mission is to return wolves to the Grand Canyon region—as well as educating folks about what wolves are really like. That's why I joined the Board, and that's why I contribute to this project.

- Lynne Nemeth, Board Secretary



GCWRP outreach table on wolves at Camp Navajo army depot for their Environmental Day. It was great to talk to so many friendly members of our military services who appreciate wolves!



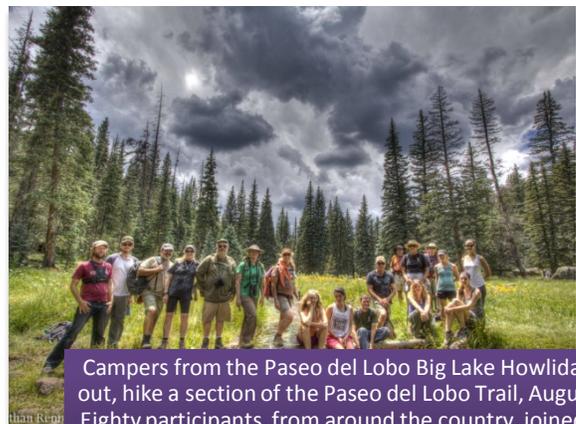
We receive many requests for school programs and presentations on wolves throughout the year. This photo was taken at a school program for 4th - 8th grade students on Earth Day 2014.

Emily Renn's dedication to the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project was the first reason for my interest in and support for the GCWRP. I've known Emily for years, and her commitment to the protection of endangered and threatened species is unshakeable. I am a beginner in learning about the wolf populations in North America, and only through Emily did I learn how close the wolf came to extinction due to the misguided opposition of humans. I like the focus of GCWRP on education and cooperative strategies, and the insistence of GCWRP that protection of wildlife is intrinsically valuable. Fiction plays a role in the public perception of the wolf (think of the Brothers Grimm for example). The wolf is not simply viewed as a carnivore and valuable member of the ecosystem, but as something dark, frightening and evil. The wolf has received a bad rap, and I would like to see its name cleared and the lobo returned to its historical range.

- Sally Evans, Board Treasurer

Since its beginning in 2005, Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery has been an important grassroots force for wolves in our region. GCWRP's mission is grounded in solid science and brought to life by the organization's tireless work to reach out to decision-makers, host events, and conduct education and outreach, informing and engaging a community of support for the recovery of wolves and our wildlands. I am proud to be part of this organization and grateful for this community's support.

-Roxane George, Board President



Campers from the Paseo del Lobo Big Lake Howliday Camp out, hike a section of the Paseo del Lobo Trail, August 2014. Eighty participants, from around the country, joined us this summer at Big Lake!

Thank you for your support of the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project!