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Dear Friend of the Wolves,

## "The wolves are not fully recovered, but that's what we howl for."



These words were spoken to us by 11 year-old Brianna Edwards a young girl who wants to see wolves return to the Grand Canyon region in numbers that ensure their long-term survival. Brianna hopes the next generation of young girls and boys will someday hear the howls of wolves in the wild throughout northern Arizona.

Summer is over. Fall is upon us, and here at the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project (GCWRP) we are kicking into high gear because we can't afford to waste a single minute. We are focusing efforts on influencing the new U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Mexican wolf recovery plan before it is finalized next year in November 2017. This will be the blueprint for Mexican wolf recovery in the region for

many years to come and it is essential that the Service gets it right.

Over the years we've had tremendous success building public support for wolves in the region, but now it is even more important to rally a diversity of community members to stand up for wolves and ensure the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service follows the best-available science to identify the Grand Canyon region as an important recovery area for Mexican wolves

You see, the public needs to realize that the threats to the region's ecosystems and to the long-term viability of the Mexican gray wolf are staggering. Ecosystem health and wolf survival is in danger. The GCWRP is helping the public to stand up and speak out for these majestic animals. Our "Packtivist" program supports and trains on-the-ground volunteer wolf advocates to take action by writing letters-to-the-editor, contacting agency and elected officials, attending and speaking at public meetings and rallies, and submitting public comments.

Advocacy and mobilization of citizens concerned with wolf recovery is critical to the survival of this species. As you may know, Mexican wolves face threats on many fronts. Peer-reviewed science tells us that top predators, such as wolves, are essential for keeping ecosystems balanced and healthy. However, narrow political interests are interfering with the release of wolves into the wild and with the return of wolves to the Grand Canyon region.

We are working toward not only survival, but toward a thriving population of Mexican gray wolves in the Grand Canyon region. Imagine someday camping on the rim of one of the most magnificent canyons in the world— the Grand Canyon—and falling asleep to the howls of wolves.

Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project is the only organization doing on-the-ground advocacy for healthy populations of Mexican Gray Wolves in the region. We are the only organization in Arizona solely focused on Mexican Gray Wolf recovery and your support right now is crucial.

We must raise \$12,000 by the end of the year in order to broaden and continue our work in the community. We must reach out and talk to current and future wolf advocates, show them the science, and inspire and mobilize their support to tell our politicians what we already know - that 82% of Arizona voters support wolf recovery throughout the Grand Canyon region.

Here's what your support will enable us to do:

- Mobilize hundreds of citizens to speak out on behalf of the wolves
- Continue support for our up and running Packtivist group, the Grand Canyon Pack, through training events and meetings
- Launch a new Packtivist group in Southwest Utah and the Arizona Strip area called the "Zion for Wolves" Pack
- Energize and support our new White Mountains Pack in Arizona
- Network with local businesses and private landowners to build support for wolf recovery and wolf-related tourism in the region.
- Talk with visitors at the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon. Rim country is ideal wolf habitat and the Grand Canyon National Park could become a more complete and healthy ecosystem with healthy populations of wolves.
- Provide education to visitors to local attractions such as The Arboretum in Flagstaff and the Museum of Northern Arizona
- Watchdog the health of wild fostered and wild born pups and press the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to release bonded wolf parents with pups.



The recovery process is critical and we must stay on top of the issues. This is our opportunity to inspire and mobilize many people. We need their advocacy in order to save the wolves.

We need your support and your advocacy too to save these magnificent creatures. Please make a donation today. Together, we can make sure that wolves have their rightful place in the healthy landscapes of the Grand Canyon region.

Many thanks,

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