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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.

