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### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

#### **NAFWS SW Regional Conference Pre-Meetings**

**August 7, 2017; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Inn at the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, NM**

#### **Gray Wolf Management Workshop**

The primary goal of a Gray Wolf Management Workshop is for the Tribes in the southwest to hear directly from Tribal biologists and natural resource managers from areas outside of the southwest, including Tribes from, but not limited to, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Oregon about wolf management on other reservation lands. The primary audience for the workshop will be the southwestern Tribes and Pueblos, FWS, and other agencies involved with Mexican wolf recovery and management. The following are objectives that will work towards achieving the project goal:

1. Facilitate a Gray Wolf Management Workshop that will showcase Tribal wolf management on Tribal reservation lands including, but not limited, the Nez Perce, Blackfoot, Wind River, and Flathead Indian reservations;
2. Provide an opportunity for Tribes in the southwest to present their perspectives on Mexican wolf recovery and management on their lands within the southwest;
3. Highlight how Tribes from the north implemented education and outreach with regard to gray wolves and if traditional knowledge has been incorporated;
4. Foster an understanding of the successes and challenges that other Tribes have faced with regard to wolf management and relationships with State and Federal agencies;
5. Discuss indigenous and local knowledge of gray wolves from the perspectives of the Tribes to the north and within the southwest;
6. Discuss the possibility of incorporation and applicability of traditional management practices into current wildlife management and;
7. Facilitate a dialogue regarding communication and collaboration among Tribes, FWS, and other agencies concerning Mexican wolf recovery and management within the southwest.

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#### **Southwest Tribal Forum on Climate Change**

Once again a Tribal Forum will be held in conjunction with the SW Region Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) conference in Mescalero, NM. The Forum is sponsored by the NAFWS SW Region, and Desert, Great Basin, and Southern Rockies Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

**Travel support will be available for tribes in the SW Region and those located in the noted LCCs.**

This is a great opportunity to:

- Share experiences of how climate change and other stressors are impacting Tribes and ways to address those impacts, including adaptation strategies and practices.
- Learn about the various federal and university conservation and climate partnerships and the support they provide to Tribes.
- Provide recommendations to the U.S. climate change programs, activities, and funding sources for how they can better engage and work with Tribes in addressing conservation challenges.
- Have a roundtable discussion on establishing a working group to address climate change and adaptation strategies, funding opportunities, and engagement with conservation and climate partnerships across the Southwest.

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