

October 26, 2017

Governor Doug Ducey  
1700 West Washington, Suite 101  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey,

As non-partisan members of Arizona's twelve families (aka "packs") of endangered Mexican gray wolves, we are writing today to endorse one of our own, the esteemed alpha female of the Panther Creek Pack, who we affectionately know as Esperanza del Arroyo Pantera, for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. As we explain below, we believe that Esperanza would lend a necessary perspective to the Commission and that Arizona's wildlife would be well-served by her participation.

While we disagree with the Commission's position that only cross-fostered pups should be released in Arizona, and none of the unrelated adult wolves that many of are eager to sniff out, we note that Esperanza has been a successful and supportive foster mother in each of the past two years. In addition to raising her own offspring, she welcomed new pups who were introduced to her den and raised them as her own. She's truly dedicated to ensuring the future of her kind in the state, and we hope that her remarkable accomplishments are considered in your assessment of self-abnegating leadership qualities that would help guide the Commission in a time of rapid change, and loss of trust, of the Commission and the Arizona Game and Fish Department that it oversees.

Esperanza would also be an excellent addition to the Commission because she's naturally apolitical, and rather than listening to the livestock industry and their county commissioner allies, Esperanza cares more about the ability of Arizona's public lands to support elk, deer and indeed other wildlife. Her commitment to integrity of wild landscapes is unparalleled and she's spent more nights in Arizona's backcountry than almost any other citizen of our great state. Her deep affinity for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

and its abundant wildlife will give her perspective on wildlife management elsewhere in the state, including the Grand Canyon region and the border region.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Bear Wallow Pack

Bluestem Pack

Elk Horn Pack

Frieborn Pack

Hawks Nest Pack

Hoodoo Pack

Maverick Pack

Panther Creek Pack

Prime Canyon Pack

Saffel Pack

Diamond Pack

Tsay-O-Ah Pack