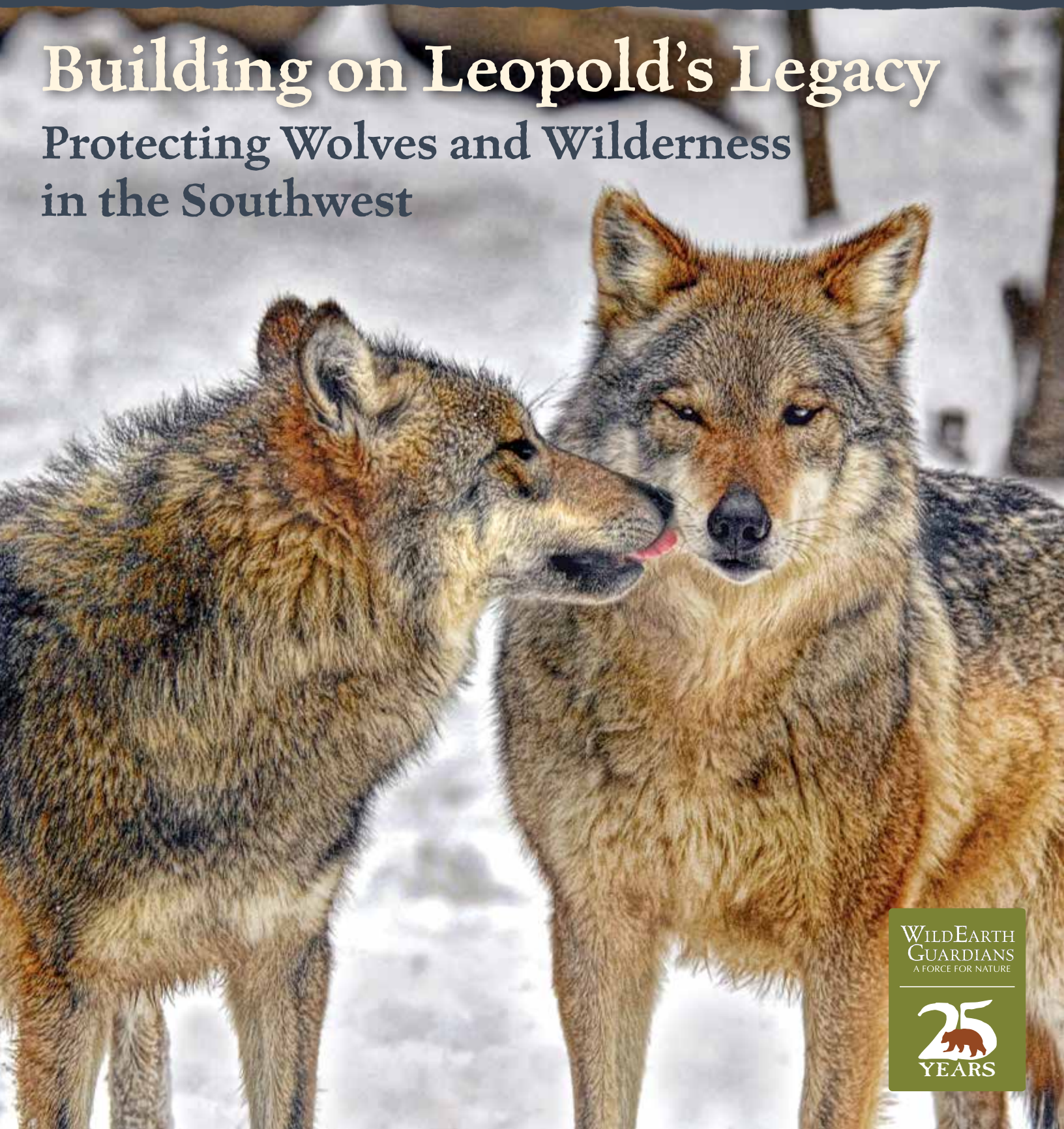


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A BOLD VISION

John Horning

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS



In the spring of 2009 I took a leap of faith and headed to Glenwood, New Mexico, to meet with a public lands rancher by the name of Alan Tackman. My purpose: to assess whether the man would be a good candidate for our fledgling voluntary grazing permit retirement program whose aim it is to reduce conflicts between ranchers and wolves and simultaneously build on Aldo Leopold's enduring legacy.

What I learned surprised me.

Not only would he be willing to relinquish his national forest grazing permit—at the right price, of course—but also he supported designating the roadless lands within his allotment as wilderness.

As we chatted about fire, carnivores, drought and the Forest Service—all the things that are the bane of the existence of ranchers—it became increasingly clear that Mr. Tackman really didn't like wolves, bears or other native carnivores, but that he had a deep connection with the land.

Earlier this spring—as detailed in this edition of *Wild at Heart*—staff member Bryan Bird and I met one more time with Tackman. This time the conversation was less casual as they finalized a transaction that resulted in the retirement of cattle grazing from Tackman's Deep Creek allotment.

With that one retirement of cattle grazing on nearly 50 square miles of national forest, we not only gave Mexican wolves the room to roam, but we came one step closer to making the Greater Gila one of the best protected areas in all of North America.

Every day more public land ranchers knock on our door to learn about permit retirement. We believe it's only a matter of time before we make our vision for the Greater Gila—one where wolves and wilderness can flourish and where Aldo Leopold's legacy is secure—a reality.

For the Wild,

GUARDIAN GIVER

Anne Butterfield

As a professional writer who advocates for clean energy and climate, Anne supports GUARDIANS' strategy to get more western coal plants off line. She also increased her support when learning of GUARDIANS' focus on the Spine of the Continent, to build and protect wildlife corridors up and down North America. "Often traveling the rural green areas of France I saw virtually no wildlife, but in the States, if you live by open space, it's common to see deer, bear, lion or moose." She reflects that Spine of the Continent is a truly grand vision for life on a warming planet. "It has the potential to be an "Underground Railroad" at high altitude, a Noah's Ark on land. This is big!"



GET ON THE BUS



Kevin Gaither-Banchoff



Noppadol Paothong and his award-winning book.

Professional Photographer Noppadol Paothong, a native of Thailand who now lives in Missouri, came to the US to attend college, and soon discovered his passion and talents for wildlife photography.

“I first encountered prairie chickens in southwest Missouri in March 2001 on an assignment from a newspaper,” said Paothong. “For some reason their dance and call touched me deeply. I believe the only way these birds can get the support they desperately need and deserve is to help people care about them.”

So Paothong began a decade-long journey, which led to the publishing of his stunning photography book, *Save the Last Dance*. This book gives readers an intimate glimpse into the spectacular mating rituals of the grassland grouse—including greater sage grouse, Gunnison sage grouse, and lesser prairie chicken—and strives to rescue them from the brink of extinction by showing the world what it stands to lose if these species are allowed to disappear forever.

This summer, Paothong partnered with WILDEARTH GUARDIANS’ Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director Erik Molvar and the Foundation for Sustainability and Innovation on a three-state, four-stop, media and public education tour that featured slide shows and extensive media coverage in Salt Lake City, Utah; Missoula, Montana; and Jackson and Laramie, Wyoming.

These efforts came at a time when federal

agencies are considering increased protections for sage grouse through land-use plans.

“Sage grouse are one of the most iconic, unusual, and fascinating of western wildlife species, yet many people have never seen their mating dance,” said Molvar. “Paothong’s

photography and behind-the-scenes stories make a compelling case that this is a bird we can’t afford to lose.”

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS is partnering with Paothong to protect these incredible birds and the lands they call home from the increasing and growing threats from the industrial-

izing of our public lands. We thank Paothong for his passion and willingness to take action.

Noppadol Paothong is a staff wildlife photographer with the Missouri Department of Conservation and recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including Picture of the Year International, National Wildlife Photo Contest, Nature’s Best, Audubon Photo Contest, Outdoor Writers Association of America Photo Contest, and Missouri Photojournalist of the Year.

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A Monumental Opportunity to Protect Our Public Lands and Our Climate

Tim Ream

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— TAM SIMONS &
KATHRYN TURNIPSEED,
Albuquerque, NM

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My eyes itched, the smell of the air was horrid, and my lungs were sending out evacuation orders. Not reactions I was expecting from what, on the map, looked to be an undeveloped expanse of public lands in Utah.

It was my third day on the job as GUARDIANS' new Climate and Energy Campaign Director, and my Program Director, Jeremy Nichols, thought the best training would be an 1800-mile spin around the Rockies. We were on Bureau of Land Management lands, 45 miles southwest of Vernal, in an area called "Monument Butte." It sounded nice.

In fact, it was a fracking nightmare.

My mind pictured a vast, rolling sage ecosystem, pronghorn in the foreground, fabulous buttes behind. It once was. Now it's described, in the Bureau of Land Management's own words, as a 120,000-acre "oil and gas field" that "has largely been developed." Pump jacks and well pads mar the views. A spider web of roads dissects the land. The air is dangerous and I can't imagine how toxic the seeping groundwater might be.

And now, this expanse of almost 200 square miles of public lands is slated for another 5,750 oil and gas wells, 170 miles of new roads, more oil tanks, more compressor stations, and a new gas processing plant.

But the worst part is, by the Bureau of Land Management's own admission, these new drilling rigs and wells with their inevitable methane leaks, and the massive additional truck traffic would produce the equivalent of nearly four million metric tons of carbon dioxide every year—as much as a new coal-fired power plant.

Imagine that. A new coal-fired power plant proposed for our public lands, not even counting the emissions from burning the oil and gas produced! It's why we have to stop further fracking of the Monument Butte area.

It's not the prettiest expanse



Our public lands are no place for oil and gas drilling.

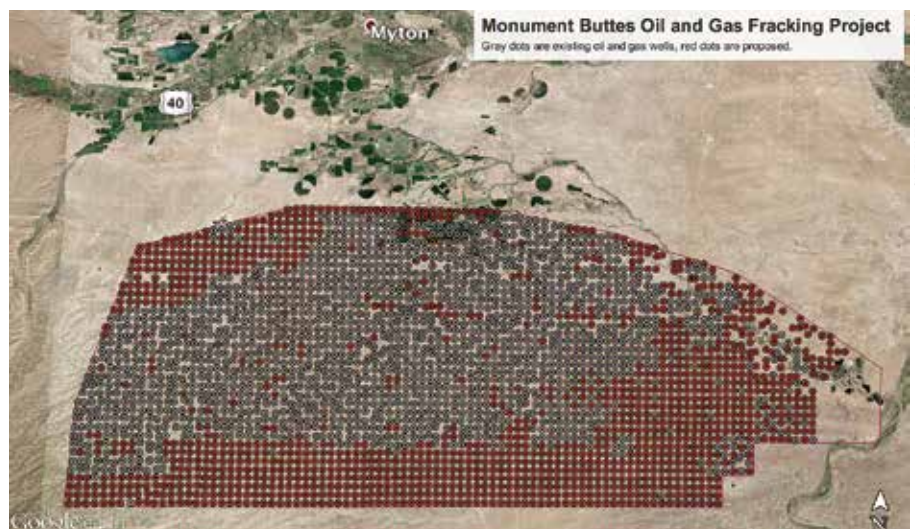
of public lands, as the Monument Butte area has had significant development. For our climate, however, this land matters. A lot.

In comments earlier this year, we urged the Bureau of Land Management to abandon its plans. So far, they've shown no indication of backing down. So we're gearing up for a fight.

With climate change threatening our public lands, the need to tackle fossil fuel development is critical. We're taking it on with the aim of keeping our oil, gas, and coal in the ground. It's not only good climate policy, it's good for the American West's wildlife, clean air and water, and untrammelled landscapes.

These are our public lands and it's our future to seize. If we have any chance of moving beyond fossil fuels, it's going to start by keeping fracking at bay in places like the Monument Butte area of Utah.

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Bob Brister

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Kids Love Wolves

Much of what we do at WILDEARTH GUARDIANS' booths at festivals and farmers' markets is serious, like circulating Trap-Free New Mexico petitions, advocating an end to animal killing contests, and handing out postcards to protect wolves. Equally serious, but fun, too, is taking "Kids Love Wolves" photos.



We invite young people to write their "I Love Wolves" message with their first name and age on a dry erase board. Our plan is to present these photos to wildlife officials to demonstrate that the children of today want to have wolves on the landscape now and in the future.



"I am a monthly donor because it ensures that I do this important act every month. I first started donating in 2005, and later became a monthly donor because I know it helps to have consistent support. I grew up in Tesuque and I know that a large part of who I am today is a result of having spent time in the local wild places that GUARDIANS is protecting. I continue to donate so that those wild places continue to be there for all of us."

— LARS STRONG,
Santa Fe, NM

The wisdom and knowledge expressed by many of the kids inspires me to believe that future wildlife management will be more enlightened than that of today. In addition to their innate love of wolves, many young people already know about key scientific concepts of wildlife conservation such as "trophic cascades" and "island biogeography."



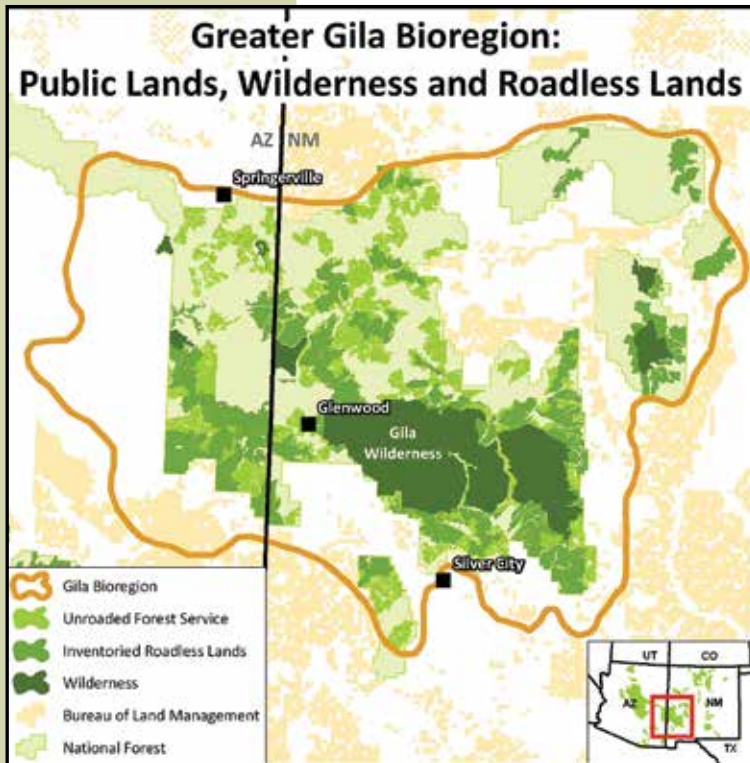
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THE GREATER GILA

Leopold's Legacy and the Next Great Conservation Landscape

Bryan Bird

Wolves will again roam free on nearly 50 square miles of the Gila National Forest thanks to an historic agreement engineered by WILDEARTH GUARDIANS.



Above: The Gila Bioregion is more than 10 million acres in whole, sixty-five percent of which is public lands and up to 2.2 million additional acres of roadless lands are eligible for the wilderness preservation system.

SILVER CITY, NM – A curious livestock roundup is happening on the Deep Creek Ranch in the Gila National Forest. What might appear to be a routine cattle drive out of the high country this fall may actually be the last in this rugged and wild landscape. This land that the Dark Canyon wolf pack calls home, is so rugged it is mostly free of roads. WILDEARTH GUARDIANS' ambition is to stitch together a succession of cow-free, roadless areas into an expansion of the Gila Wilderness—designated in 1924 as America's first official wilderness area.

The Gila designation came after years of effort by Aldo Leopold, and embodied a conviction that ecological, geological, scientific, and historic values should be protected. The wilderness ideal was, and fundamentally is, an ethical commitment to keep wild lands wild. Leopold, known as the father of modern wildlife conservation and the founder of the wilderness movement, had articulated an innovative idea known as the "land ethic." It is his wilderness ideal, his land ethic, and his understanding of the importance of wolves that forms the cornerstones of the WILDEARTH GUARDIANS' vision for the Greater Gila Bioregion.

Increasingly, that vision is also about forming relationships, relationships that cross cultures, political backgrounds and even views on wildlife and nature. These differences were secondary, however, when John Horning and I met with Alan Tackman at a cold hotel in Reserve, New Mexico, one dark, snowy afternoon in the winter of 2013. We were there to discuss a new kind of conservation method, and to find a middle ground that could help us expand the wilderness areas of the Gila while addressing the needs of ranchers.

Tackman and his wife Terri arrived in their pick up truck with their two herding dogs assessing us from the flat bed of the truck. In his mid 60s and clad from head to toe in Carhartts, Tackman is a man whose large presence belies his actual size. He and his family have been ranching the rugged land along the Deep Creek Allotment for two generations and his face clearly bears the signs of someone who spends his days riding the range. Tackman looked us straight in the eye when we shook hands, an honorable man ready to consider an honorable compromise. His wife joined us as we sat together around an old table in the dim hotel room, hammering out the final details regarding their 44-square mile allotment just north of the Gila Wilderness. The Forest Service



had permitted his 205 head of cattle and 8 horses to graze year-round on the expanse of land that experienced longstanding contact between livestock and Mexican gray wolves from the Dark Canyon Pack.

Like so many ranchers with deep ties to the land, Tackman was struggling with the impacts of increasing drought, wildfires and grazing on his land. The option of receiving financial compensation from WILDEARTH GUARDIANS for a voluntary retirement of his Deep Creek Ranch permit came at a time when other options seemed less reasonable. Tackman saw a plan that would ease the burdens on his ranch land while joining GUARDIANS to plant the seeds for long-lasting stewardship of this critical wild habitat. We left Reserve that night cold and tired but also bouyed by the fact that the agreement we had just cemented was historic, leading the way to a new means of thinking about conservation that benefitted all parties involved.

A year later in April we officially made history when the Gila National Forest accepted Tackman's first ever voluntary waiver of a grazing permit. The federal agency suspended use of the 44 square mile Deep Creek Allotment, excluding livestock use for at least 10 years, and will not reissue the permit without full compliance with environmental law.

Tackman's permit may have been the first to be retired but he has opened the door to many more conversations that we are now having with interested ranchers across the region. Already WILDEARTH GUARDIANS has enrolled several in the Greater Gila Bioregion who control hundreds of thousands of acres of land. Our strategy is elegant and simple. And our support—from ranchers, Congress, and conservation investors—is steadily growing.

Today there are more than 2.2 million acres of still wild and unprotected lands that surround the Gila and the adjacent Aldo Leopold Wilderness areas. It is one of the last landscapes in the continental U.S. where such vast wildness remains untrammled. And it needs to be protected.

WILDLIFE SERVICES STILL A THREAT TO MEXICAN WOLVES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services program and its predecessors helped drive Mexican wolves to the brink of extinction. In 2013 alone, Wildlife Services admitted to killing two million native animals. The program still operates in the lobo's native Southwest habitat, distributing traps, snares and poisons across the landscape at the request of livestock and agriculture industry and state wildlife agencies. Wildlife Services is prohibited from further imperiling federally protected lobos, yet its carelessness does just that. Indeed, in January 2013, a senior Wildlife Services agent shot and killed a Mexican wolf, claiming he thought it was a coyote. The program is clearly failing to protect lobos.

In September, we continued working to rein in Wildlife Services by engaging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over its proposed revisions to wild Mexican wolf management. Instead of increasing the program's accountability, the proposed revision would give Wildlife Services agents a free pass for shooting or trapping endangered lobos. We objected to this outrageous proposal and will fight the Service in federal court if it remains in the final version. Wildlife Services must fundamentally change.



Remarkable not only for its conservation history but also for its tremendous diversity, the Gila is home to ancient ponderosa pine forests, rugged river canyons with sycamore and cottonwood, and jagged volcanic peaks with spruce and fir forests along the Mogollon Rim. The Gila is also at the biological crossroads of deserts and mountains which all combine to make it an ecological cauldron with unequalled diversity of plants and animals.

The Greater Gila Bioregion is a national conservation treasure with wilderness and roadless areas alone comprising a landscape that is 1.5 times the size of Yellowstone. Easing some of the conservation challenges faced in this region opens the door for exciting and cooperative conservation opportunities.

The Greater Gila can be a stronghold for wolves, jaguars and other endangered species

Below: The Greater Gila Bioregion is a land of forests beyond measure, snow covered peaks, vast grasslands and rock-rimmed river canyons. The evocative howl of the Mexican gray wolf, extirpated once, again echoes across this landscape.

PHOTO: ADRIEL HEISEY



TRAPPING REMAINS A THREAT

Trapping remains a serious threat to critically imperiled Mexican wolves and other native carnivores across much of the west. Indeed, the alpha female of the Middle Fork Mexican wolf pack was caught in a trap, her leg so mangled it had to be amputated. Incredibly resilient, she survived and roamed her territory for years on just three legs. Countless other native carnivores are not so lucky, dying agonizingly slow deaths in cruel traps. That's why we're in court in both Montana and Idaho challenging the states' failure to ensure traps do not further imperil threatened Canada lynx.



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Trapping regulations vary significantly state to state, from outright bans, to limited restrictions, to virtually regulation-free areas. In New Mexico, traps are almost entirely unregulated. Though under Governor Richardson's leadership, trapping was banned on public lands in New Mexico, Governor Martinez reversed that decision, allowing the cruel devices to once again foul the landscape.

GUARDIANS is working with the Trap-Free New Mexico campaign to rid our public lands of cruel traps, and make our remaining wild places, including the Gila Wilderness, safer for people and wild animals alike. We've collected thousands of signatures this summer alone and will be calling on state legislators to take a stand and help New Mexico live up to its nickname, "the Land of Enchantment," instead of the more currently accurate "Land of Entrapment." By confronting cruelty, GUARDIANS works to realize a society that shares our fundamental belief that all species have an inherent right to exist and thrive. —BETHANY COTTON

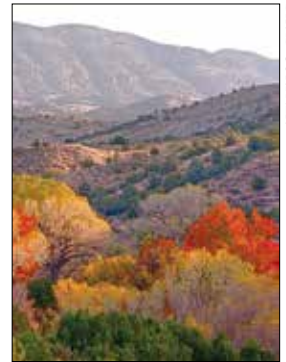


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Cattle are being rounded up for the last time on 50 square miles of the Gila National Forest making room for wolves to roam and the land to heal.

in the Southwest in the same way that Yellowstone is a stronghold for wolves, grizzlies and other native wildlife in the Northern Rockies. However, the Gila is still vulnerable and will not become a stronghold unless our strategy is successful and our vision becomes a reality. For more than two decades WILDEARTH GUARDIANS has fought for the intrinsic right of species to exist and we are committed to realizing Aldo Leopold's wilderness ideal on the remaining roadless lands of the Greater Gila. Our ultimate aim is to protect the landscape that inspired America's first wilderness, recover the Mexican wolf—America's most endangered mammal—and give jaguars, cougars and other native carnivores the freedom to roam. With relationships building and common ground being found between formerly unlikely collaborators, the foundations we are now laying are that much stronger. Our progress was clear as we watched the rough and tumble dance of Tackman's cattle roundup at the Deep Creek Ranch—and realized it could be its last. The Dark Canyon wolf pack will soon again be roaming those lands unencumbered and free. We wish that same freedom for all species and throughout the Gila Bioregion, and we know the relationships we are now building will open the doors to those possibilities. Aldo Leopold would surely agree.

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DAVID COITNER

RANCHER PROFILE

One rancher who we've become particularly fond of is Buzz Easterling. His family purchased the El Caso Ranch with a permit on the Gila National Forest in 1949, which extends to this day. Mr. Easterling lives at the ranch headquarters. He called WILDEARTH GUARDIANS to learn more about the voluntary permit retirement program, telling us that when he first ran cattle in the Gila, the Mexican lobo was not yet exterminated. He's generally happy to see them back and to hear their howls from his porch. It's ranchers like Mr. Easterling who we hope to work with to rewild the public landscapes of the Greater Gila Bioregion.

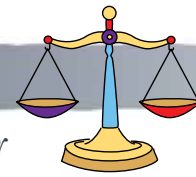


JUDY WILLIAMS

Buzz Easterling

IN THE HALLS OF JUSTICE

Jeremy Nichols, Bethany Cotton, Drew Kerr



GIVING CLEAN AIR NEW HOPE

In July, GUARDIANS filed suit to secure stronger clean air safeguards in some of the United States' most dangerously-polluted communities. Filed with a coalition of public health and environmental groups represented by Earthjustice, the suit challenges the failure of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure states are meeting legally required deadlines to clean up particulate pollution. Under a rule adopted by the agency earlier this year, states would be allowed to delay pollution clean-ups. Our aim is to rein in polluters and safeguard clean air as quickly as possible along Utah's Wasatch Front, where suffocating particulate pollution continues to plague the region every winter. If we prevail, our suit could guarantee clean air for communities nationwide.

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TIM REAM

GOING TO COURT TO PROTECT WOLVERINES

STEVE KROSCHER, USFWS



On the same day the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bowed to political pressure and withdrew its proposal to protect wolverines under the Endangered Species Act, GUARDIANS and our allies notified the Service we will be challenging the decision. On October 13 we filed suit, highlighting the agency's failure to rely solely on the best available science, as required by law. The Service contradicted the recommendations of its own scientists, with senior bureaucrats overruling biologists in a leaked memo, and ignored the scientific consensus that habitat

loss caused by climate change is the most serious threat to the wolverine. With fewer than 300 wolverines in the lower forty-eight states, and climate impacts just beginning to be felt in the U.S., the time to protect the wolverine is now.

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WARNING WILDLIFE SERVICES TO STOP IMPERILING ENDANGERED OCELOT

GUARDIANS and allies are holding the federal Wildlife Services program accountable for failing to consider the potential harm to ocelots from its cruel wildlife trapping and killing practices in the species' habitat in Arizona. The beautiful cats are slowly rebounding from the brink of extinction, but Wildlife Services is threatening their recovery. Showing its cavalier attitude toward our laws and our wildlife, Wildlife Services failed to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about the risk its activities in Arizona pose to imperiled ocelots, in violation of the Endangered Species Act. We've notified Wildlife Services that we will sue to defend ocelots from the program's cruel and antiquated practices, and we'll head to court if Wildlife Services doesn't change its ways.

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— JEN PELZ,
WILDEARTH GUARDIANS
Wild Rivers Program
Director, Centennial, CO

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CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Jeremy Nichols, Bob Brister & Drew Kerr, Erik Molvar



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OUR COAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES ITS SUCCESS



THEO COLBORN

As President Obama calls for carbon cuts, his Interior Department is approving expansive new coal mining in the American West. The hypocrisy isn't trivial. As coal exports are on the rise, the prospect of new mining threatens to undermine carbon reductions here at home. With scientists urging action to keep fossil fuels in the ground, we've stepped up our campaign, and with great success. In September, we scored a final court victory overturning an expansion of Arch Coal's West Elk mine in Colorado over the failure of Interior to account for carbon costs, a ruling we're now leveraging in other cases. Our work also generated national media coverage in *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*. We're making real progress in closing the door on carbon.

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SPEAKING UP FOR CRITICALLY ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES



WILDEARTH GUARDIANS

In August, GUARDIANS staffers Drew Kerr and Bob Brister traveled to Pinetop, Arizona, and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, to stand for wolves at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's public hearings on the first proposed revision to

Mexican wolf management in sixteen years. Approximately 150 people testified, with wolf supporters outnumbering opponents two to one. GUARDIANS testified at both hearings, using our time to tell the Service to ensure the most critically endangered native carnivore in North America recovers. We called on the Service to fully protect Mexican wolves by designating them as "essential" under the Endangered Species Act, and by expanding the area where wolves can freely roam to include their native habitat in the Grand Canyon eco-region and the Southern Rocky Mountains.

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THE SAGE GROUSE GOES TO WASHINGTON



KEVIN LAU, CREATIVE COMMONS, FLICKR

Across the Sagebrush Sea, the sage grouse chicks have fledged and are basking in the last days of summer. In the nation's capital, meanwhile, political leaders are wrangling over whether sage grouse should get strong, science-based protections or another round of watered-down compromises. In this time of partisan gridlock, GUARDIANS' Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director headed east for high-level meetings with the Obama Administration and Congressional leaders, speaking on behalf of these spectacular dancing birds. It's a critical time to rally defense against a spate of anti-conservation bills.

Congressional leaders expressed a heartening readiness to fight off these assaults on the Endangered Species Act, and the administration now understands that a failure to protect the grouse today will only cause bigger problems later.

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GOOD NEWS FROM THE GUARDIANS



Tim Ream, Bethany Cotton, Kevin Gaither-Banchoff

GUARDIANS JOINS HISTORIC MARCH FOR CLIMATE

TIM REAM



The climate movement took an historic step forward in September when 400,000 marched in New York City calling for action to stop global warming. The march was easily the largest in the U.S. on any political issue for more than a decade, and GUARDIANS was there to be a part of history. We brought our message that saving the climate in the U.S. has to mean protecting our public lands from fossil fuels. After all, more than a quarter of

coal, oil, and gas produced in the U.S. comes from public lands, mainly in the American West. The People's Climate March was a critical opportunity to make sure that message takes hold, and to make sure our carbon stays in the ground where it belongs.

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NEW MEXICO MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE RECEIVES PROTECTIONS AT LAST

Because of a GUARDIANS' petition, the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse is now listed as 'endangered' under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Uniquely adapted to streams and wetlands habitats, the jumping mice are seriously threatened by cattle grazing, stream de-watering, wildfire, and climate change. Overgrazing destroys the streamside and wet meadow habitat on which the jumping mice depend. Native to Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, there are fewer than 30 small remnant jumping mice populations, most of which exist in areas actively protected from cattle grazing. The species' decline demonstrates the need to better care for southwestern streamside habitats. Next up, we'll be ensuring critical habitat is designated for the species and enforcing the ESA's protections for the species on the ground.

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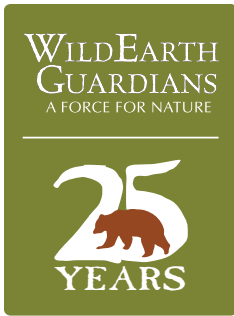
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