

Wolf meeting that was held on November 14, 2023 at Willcox Livestock Auction.

Cochise Graham Cattle Growers called a special members only informational meeting in regards to the wolf in Chiricahua mountains and the future of wolves being in Cochise and Graham county.

30 members attended.

Jim Devos Wolf Recovery Program coordinator for Az. Dept of Game and Fish and assistant director wildlife management division Az. Game and Fish Clay Crowder were there to answer questions from our members.

First and foremost, let it be stated that Cochise-Graham Cattle Growers is against wolves being released in our area. However, with that being stated it is in the future that we will have wolves in our area.

Wolf recovery program has the authority to reintroduce wolves below I-40 to Mexican border.

The goal wolf numbers for Az. and NM are 320. In the last year there has been a 23% increase, it is estimated this next year the 320 will be reached. There are currently 32 breeding pairs.

The wolf in the Chiricahua's was a female that had been traveling for over a year. #1828 was originally from Mexico as was her mate that was at some point killed in the Boot heel of NM. She was caught in an undisclosed location Northwest of the Chiricahua south of I-10.

The question was asked: What can we do as a group. Devos indicated we need to lobby for improved payment on depredation.

Consensus of those in attendance, Cochise-Graham Cattle Growers needs to devise a plan, so we have a clear and accurate line of communication about wolves in the area with all our members.

Attached you will find contact numbers and more will be sent out as they are received.

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