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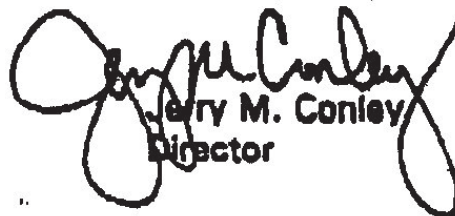
Ed Bangs, Project Leader
Wolf EIS Team
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Bangs:

For the record, I would like to take this time to acknowledge our support for the Experimental Rules on proposed establishment of nonessential, experimental populations of gray wolves in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. Specifically, a nonessential, experimental population area would be established in Idaho through regulation by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act. In accordance with the Experimental Rule, we will work with the FWS, to the extent allowed by Idaho law, to reintroduce wolves from British Columbia and/or Alberta into the Idaho experimental population area.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to call me or one of my staff working on the wolf recovery program.

Sincerely,



Jerry M. Conley
Director

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