

State Director Linda Rundell
US Bureau of Land Management
Santa Fe NM 87502

December 20, 2007. sent via e-mail.

RE: Adobe Ranch permit

Dear Ms. Rundell – In today's High Country News online edition, it was revealed today that Mike Miller, a ranch hand for the Adobe-Slash Ranch, intentionally baited a Mexican gray wolf in order to promote cattle depredation in the Mexican Wolf Recovery Area. This action resulted in the killing of the alpha female of the Durango pack.

The admissions of Mr. Miller can be found at
http://www.hcn.org/servlets/hcn.Article?article_id=17419

The owner of the Adobe Ranch holds a grazing permit for the Adobe allotment on the Socorro District of the BLM in New Mexico. **The BLM should immediately suspend the permit and all other BLM leases this permittee may hold.** The BLM is under no obligation to provide livestock grazing privileges to an operator, which if the admissions are true, has violated the Endangered Species Act, and deeply disrespected the public, who overwhelmingly support Mexican gray wolf reintroduction.

Your agency has a responsibility to send a strong signal that anti-wildlife behavior like this from public lands permittees will not be tolerated. It is clear that the Adobe-Slash Ranch has crossed the line and they should be swiftly penalized for this kind of behavior on public lands.

Please offer us a response at your earliest convenience. Sincerely,

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