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Reference FR Doc No: 2013-26803, Proposed Information Collection; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations.

The Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District, a local district of Arizona state government, organized under Arizona Revised Statute ARS §37 Chapter 6, submits the following information, comments and requests for the proposed Information collection pertaining to experimental populations of endangered or threatened wildlife.

The District believes the collection of information is beneficial but the information must be made available to the local governments within a short time frame after the collection if requested. This will enable the local government to address issues that could impact people within their jurisdiction.

Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; The information collection should be expanded as follows.

Item 1) **General take and removal.**

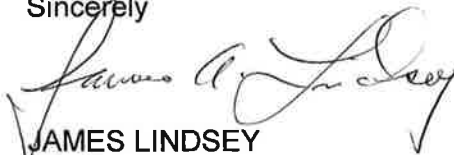
The take in defense of human life; take related to defense of property should be modified to include take related to defense of private property including pets and other domestic animals or take in the form of harassment.

Item 2) **Depredation-related take.** Involves take for management purposes where livestock depredation is documented, and may include authorized harassment or authorized lethal take of experimental population animals in the act of attacking livestock. Attaching pet and other domestic animals or a threat to life should be added.

To minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents

This information must be collected in the most unobtrusive manner possible. The person protecting livestock, pets or other animals will be assumed justified in their actions. There must be no intimidation for the action including interrogation by law enforcement, no required lie detector test, no sworn written statement, or other tactics used against individuals who have to deal with wolf issues. Instead, request a self-reporting requirement in the form of a telephone call to the designated USFWS office to document the take. Information required in the verbal report should include only the person's name, address, phone number, location of take, and general reason for the take.

Sincerely



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Chairman