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Chairman Sisto Hernandez,

This letter is to inform you that the Arizona Livestock Loss Board (Board) received your request for \$60,000 for the Mexican Wolf / Livestock Council (Council) Pay for Presence program for 2018 applications submitted by Arizona livestock producers. In its July 24, 2019 meeting, the Board voted to agree to the transfer of these requested funds to cover the Council's 2018 pay for presence Arizona applications.

Be advised that the Board further decided that the Council should consult with this Board prior to promoting the 2019 pay for presence application cycle and seeking any additional grant funds for this program to assure funding is available.

Before processing the Council's 2018 AZ pay for presence applications for payment, the Council will need to identify and provide to the Board independent sources of the required non-federal match as currently available match sources will be directed to support depredation compensation payments in Arizona.

As has been addressed on various occasions over the past year, challenges persist in identifying sources of eligible non-federal match to support grant payments. The Board is aware of the legacy Groves Estate fund as a viable source of non-federal funds and encourages the Council to consider this fund as a potential source of funding and/or match in Arizona. The Board understands this fund has been made available for Mexican wolf projects in both Arizona and New Mexico but that expenditure of these funds, to date, have significantly been directed in favor of NM producers.

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The Board will continue to closely monitor allocation of available grant funds in addition to required non-federal match funds for these various programs. Accordingly, we look forward to ongoing coordination with the Council on these important budgeting matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Van De Graaff", is positioned above the printed name.

Ken Van De Graaff
Chairman