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Dear Mr. Hagener:

Thank you for your May 2005 letters requesting authorization for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to assume a greater role in wolf management in Montana.

Montana's existing Section 6 agreement with the Service allows MFWP to conduct routine monitoring, research, outreach, and management activities that do not result in wolf take.

We have amended your 10(a)1(A) recovery permit to authorize additional take to enhance the recovery, conservation, propagation, and breeding of both endangered and experimental wolves in Montana.

In addition, we have finalized a Cooperative Agreement to make MFWP the Service's designated agent to manage and take wolves in the experimental population areas of Montana under the authority of CFR 50 Part 17.84(n). The Cooperative Agreement transfers \$530,000 in funding to MFWP to accomplish the goals of the State wolf management plan.

I compliment Montana on the excellent work of your staff. Wolves and the Montana residents they now live among can both benefit from State-led wolf management. Please let us know how we can further help with State management of wolves in Montana.

Sincerely,

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Deputy *Hannibal Bolton*
Regional Director

Enclosures

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