

Initial Releases and Translocations in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area

“Initial releases” (wolves born in captivity and have no previous wild experience) can only occur in Arizona in the primary recovery zone in Greenlee County. “Translocations” of experienced animals (previously released wolves or wolves born in the wild) can occur in either the primary or secondary recovery zones. Wolves are not allowed to establish territories on public lands wholly outside the BRWRA boundary and must be retrieved.

Initial releases of Mexican wolves into the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2012 Data Current as of 31 December 2012

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Number of individual wolves initially released ^a	13	21	16	15	9	8	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	92
Number of initial release events ^b	5	4	5	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	22

^a An initial release is defined as a wolf with no previous free-ranging experience that is released directly from captivity into the Primary Recovery Zone. Translocations are not included in this table

^b A release event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are initially released.

**Translocations of Mexican wolves into the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2012.
Data Current as of 31 December 2012**

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Number of individual wolves translocated ^a	3	2	18	6	7	15	9	16	6	5	6	5	2	4	0	104
Number of translocation events ^b	3	1	10	4	5	8	2	5	3	3	5	5	2	4	0	58

^a A translocation is defined when an individual free-ranging wolf is captured and moved to a location within either the Primary or Secondary Recovery Zone but away from the site of capture. This includes capture wolves that have been temporarily housed in captivity.

^b A translocation event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are translocated.



Translocation of Mexican wolf M1049 to the wild in January 2011
(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

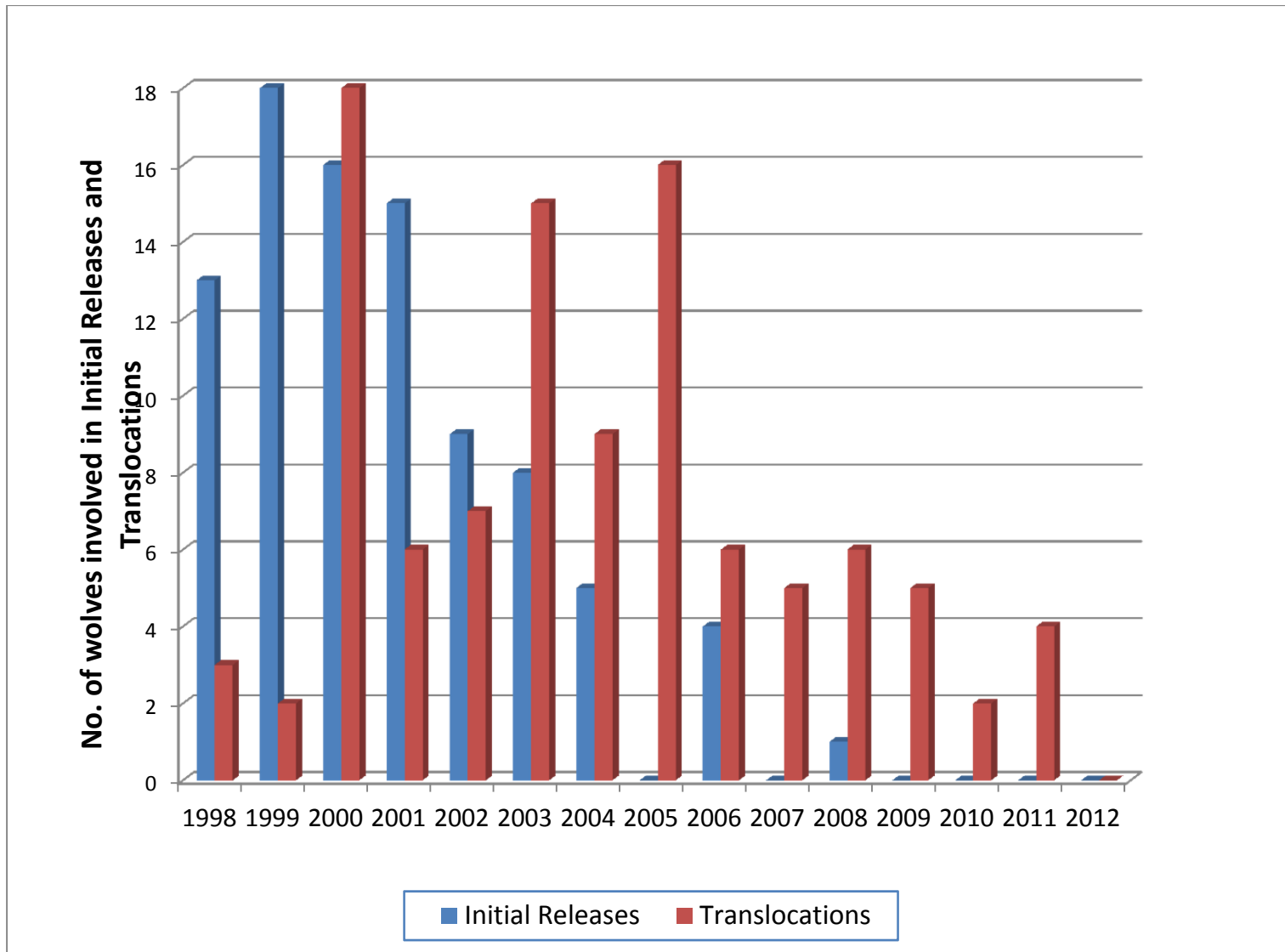


Figure 1. Initial releases and Translocations of Mexican wolves into the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, 1998-2012
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