Highlights of Wolf Haven International’s Participation in the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery

1994  Wolf Haven International is selected to participate in the Mexican gray wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP), a cooperative animal program designed to oversee the population management of select species in captivity and enhance their conservation in the wild. The first four Mexican gray wolves arrive.

1996  First litter of Mexican gray wolves is born at Wolf Haven.

1997  A second litter of Mexican gray wolf pups is born to the same parents.

1998  The first three packs of Mexican gray wolves (including the Hawk’s Nest pack, a family of six from Wolf Haven) are released in Arizona’s Apache National Forest. The Hawk’s Nest pack successfully hunts elk in the wild.

2000  Third litter of Mexican gray wolves born at Wolf Haven.

2000  Second pack of Mexican gray wolves (Cienega pack) is transferred from Wolf Haven to Arizona and released. First Mexican gray wolf pup conceived and born in the wild (since their return to the wild) is from Wolf Haven’s Hawk’s Nest pack.

2007  A fourth litter of Mexican gray pups is born at Wolf Haven.

2008  A second litter of four pre-release SSP Mexican gray wolf pups is born to the same parents as the previous year. This makes a total of five Mexican wolf litters born at Wolf Haven International.

2009  Six female Mexican gray wolves are transferred from Wolf Haven to an SSP facility in Saltillo, Mexico.

2012  Wolf Haven hosts the annual international Mexican gray wolf SSP conference attended by representatives of participating organizations from throughout the U.S. and Mexico.
2015 Ten Mexican wolf pups are born to three pair at Wolf Haven; eight pups survive. Between 1996 and 2015, a total of eight Mexican wolf litters have been born at Wolf Haven.

2015 Family of five Mexican wolves transferred from Wolf Haven to ladder Ranch in New Mexico for future release into the wild of Mexico.

2016 Family of 11 Mexican wolves that originated at Wolf Haven International is transferred from Ladder Ranch, New Mexico and released into the wild in Mexico. Wolf Haven staff (Wendy Spencer and Pamela Maciel) assists with the transport and release.

2017 Four Mexican wolf pups are born at Wolf Haven. This makes a total of nine litters born here since Wolf Haven began participating in the Mexican Wolf SSP.