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The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan, Arkansas State University's Arkansas Center for Biodiversity Collections, and the Service is in its final stages of review. We anticipate it to be signed soon! The MOU advances red wolf recovery efforts through captive propagation and management, establishes a central location in which red wolf remains will be properly preserved and cataloged for future scientific study and education, and sets forth the processes for authorizing use of red wolf specimens for research and educational purposes. This MOU is intended to enhance collaboration between the organizations in implementing red wolf recovery actions as well as to memorialize each organizations respective commitments and responsibilities.

The Service is working with the Conservation Planning Specialist Group on the process that will be taken to update the recovery plan for the red wolf, including developing the Recovery Team. We are currently bringing on a few team members that will be part of organizing the recovery plan update process and developing the rest of the Recovery Team.