



**AZA Elephant SSP/TAG  
Current and Future Space Analysis  
April 2007**

The AZA Elephant SSP/TAG requests your help in updating the Regional Collection Plan for Asian and African elephants. Please fill out this simple space analysis survey and return it by **Friday, 6 April 2007** to:

**Martha Fischer, Secretary, AZA Elephant SSP/TAG**  
**Email: [fischer@stlzoo.org](mailto:fischer@stlzoo.org) (preferred)**  
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**One Government Drive**  
**St. Louis, Mo 63110**

The following descriptions of the categories will aid you in filling out the attached survey form.

Species: Asian or African

Current # of elephants - indicate the number of elephants currently in your collection.

Current maximum # of elephants - indicate the maximum number of elephants your current space could hold.

Future maximum # of elephants: indicate if you plan to increase or decrease the # of elephants your institution is holding in the next 5 years.

Comments: any further information which you feel is important (ongoing pregnancies, anticipated upcoming changes, etc)

**Thanks for your help in helping the AZA Elephant SSP/TAG with the update of the Regional Collection Plan for Asian and African elephants.**

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**Institution:** Reid Park Zoo

**Institutional Representative Filling Out Survey:** Scott Barton

<b>Species</b>	<b>Current # of elephants (male/female)</b>	<b>Current maximum # of elephants (male/female/UNK)</b>	<b>Future maximum # of elephants (male/female/UNK)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Asian</b>	0.1	0.1	0.1	
<b>African</b>	0.1	0.1	0.0.6	New exhibit should be completed in 2010.

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All,

Jim Maddy just sent the following message to the Directors, and I  
thought you might find it useful.

Please let me know if you have questions or need any assistance.

Regards,

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help protect wildlife.

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Dear Colleagues,

The National Elephant Center is a newly formed, independent non-profit  
that is creating an opportunity for zoos to work collectively to  
establish a national facility to benefit elephants. The Center's  
10-member board of directors includes representatives from the following  
institutions:

- \* St. Louis Zoo
- \* Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- \* Indianapolis Zoo

- \* Birmingham Zoo
- \* Fort Worth Zoo
- \* Denver Zoo
- \* Woodland Park Zoo
- \* Disney's Animal Kingdom
- \* Sedgwick County Zoo
- \* Little Rock Zoo

On Thursday, the daily newspaper in Little Rock, Arkansas, published a story about the possibility of The National Elephant Center acquiring the Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary in the Ozark foothills. The Associated Press picked up the story and posted a brief on the national wire service, so it is possible you may receive calls about your possible participation, or your opinion about the Center.

The National Elephant Center board is bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Riddles to not talk publicly about any details regarding their discussion or about the potential operation of a Center. However, they are always available to you, and many of you have already been discussing possible support for the Center.

The following bullets reflect what we've been saying and may be helpful to you:

- \* The National Elephant Center is an independent non-profit formed to explore ways to enhance and expand elephant care and management programs and to become a global voice for elephants.
- \* Zoos that care for elephants are enthusiastic about the possibility of creating a National Elephant Center, which will play an international role in the conservation of elephants.
- \* The Center's board is studying many options for creating a place to advance elephant conservation. For many years, curators, keepers, veterinarians at accredited zoos have wanted a facility to provide short- and long-term solutions to help manage the nation's 280+ elephants that live at AZA-accredited facilities.
- \* The National Elephant Center board, at this point, though, cannot publicly discuss any pending projects due to a confidentiality agreement.

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance with press inquiries, please feel free to contact Steve Feldman (301-562-0777 x252) or Jill Allread (312-558-1770).

Regards,

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[attachment below: polls\_results.gif]

Hi Fellow Zoo folk,  
We win the battle - but are still fighting the war - If you'd like to  
offer your opinion on this online poll - feel free ; )

Thanks -Liz Kern

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City votes to keep elephants at zoo  
<mailto:dcrowder@elpasotimes.com?subject=El Paso Times: City votes to keep  
elephants at zoo> By David Crowder / El Paso Times  
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Zoo elephants  
Do you agree with the El Paso City Council decision not to send the two  
elephants at the El Paso Zoo to an elephant sanctuary in Tennessee?

Yes. The elephants are perfectly safe and happy at the El Paso Zoo. The  
city council made the right decision.  
No. Elephants do not belong in confined spaces. The city council made the  
wrong decision.  
I have no opinion.

Voting Requires Javascript

Zoo elephants

Do you agree with the El Paso City Council decision not to send the two elephants at the El Paso Zoo to an elephant sanctuary in Tennessee?

Total Votes = 102

Yes. The elephants are perfectly safe and happy at the El Paso Zoo. The city council made the right decision.

32.35 %

No. Elephants do not belong in confined spaces. The city council made the wrong decision.

57.84 %

I have no opinion.

9.803 %

Juno and Savannah will stay at the El Paso Zoo for the rest of their days.

By a 6-2 vote Tuesday, the El Paso City Council ended a debate that began at this council's first meeting in June 2005 by deciding to keep the two female elephants, ages 55 and 45, rather than send them to a Tennessee sanctuary.

Zoo Director Steve Marshall, who took over at the zoo in January and asked for time to evaluate the situation before making a recommendation, assured council members and the public that the zoo's three-quarter-acre habitat exceeds national standards for two or even three elephants.

"Do these animals need to be moved?" Marshall said. "The answer is no."

Ray Darnell, director of the Albuquerque Bio Park, and Mike Keele, deputy director of the Oregon Zoo in Portland, agreed.

"I can tell you, you have a very good zoo, and Savannah and Juno have wonderful handlers," Darnell told the council, adding the habitat space for the elephants "exceeds all standards."

Elephant lovers and animal-rights groups from El Paso and around the country have kept up a sporadic telephone and e-mail campaign for nearly two years criticizing the small habitat and treatment of the elephants at the zoo and urging the council to join a number of other major zoos that have sent their elephants to Tennessee.

South-West city Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who voted with East ridge/Mid-Valley city Rep. Steve Ortega against keeping the elephants, challenged Marshall's conclusions.

"Why is the trend to discontinue elephant exhibits and to send them to

Tennessee?" O'Rourke said, noting that the San Francisco, Detroit and Chicago zoos are among them.

Marshall replied, "It seems to be a trend, but it really isn't a trend. The trend is for elephant exhibits to continue. ...

"The very reasons they found they should not be in the elephant business do not exist in El Paso."

By approving Marshall's recommendations, the council not only agreed to keep Juno and Savannah, but also to replace them when they die and continue the elephant exhibit.

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