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Project Title – “Disease Risk Analyses for Tuberculosis Detection and Prevalence in Elephants”.

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Purpose – A retrospective study of “exposure” (movement of elephants, contact time between
   elephants and elephants and humans, management system factors such as facility design and herd
   size, etc.), culture and serological results will allow calculation of predictive risk values. Comparison
   of risk factors with test results and infection status will be performed to refine interpretation of
   detection methods for TB in elephants.

AAZV Position – Support/Endorse

Justification - Elephant tuberculosis is a recognized disease problem in captive U.S. elephants.
   Fifty-three elephants have been confirmed with tuberculosis by culture between 1974 and 2011
   (M. Miller, personal communication).

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