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Statement Regarding Nonhuman Rights Project (NhRP)

Fresno Chaffee Zoo was notified on May 3rd that the Nonhuman Rights Project (NhRP) has filed a habeas corpus petition in the San Francisco Superior Court for the release of the Zoo's three elephants to an unnamed sanctuary.

Nonhuman Rights Project is an outside group pushing a radical legal theory that has implications for all animals in human care-- agriculture, research, zoos and aquariums, and domestic pets.

We believe that all decisions regarding an animal's health should be made by the experts who have dedicated their lives to the welfare of these magnificent creatures. Fresno Chaffee Zoo will continue our work to provide the best animal care possible, educate and inspire our guests, and work to save species in the wild through the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Conservation Fund.