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We hope to give you something to look forward to every day!





Hello Wolf Supporters:
On the following page, there is an article from the Denver Post.

Setting the Record Straight on Colorado's Wolf Reintroduction

Colorado remains committed to a science-based, transparent approach to wolf reintroduction. Under the 10(j) rule, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) retains full authority over management decisions, including where wolves are sourced. Despite political delays, CPW is still on track to receive wolves from British Columbia (BC)—a region preferred by many producers because these wolves have had little to no contact with domestic livestock, potentially reducing conflict.

Let's be clear:

- **BC wolves are not a different subspecies.**
- **They are not inherently larger or more aggressive.**

These claims are not supported by science. They are fear-driven narratives designed to mislead the public and sway congressional opinion through misinformation and exaggeration.

We've seen this playbook before—when facts don't support opposition to reintroduction, some resort to sowing doubt and division. But Coloradans voted for this. And CPW is following through with care, collaboration, and ecological integrity.

Let's keep the conversation grounded in truth. Wolves belong here. And so does honest dialogue.

Unfortunately, this will be a challenge that we will have to continue to fight. Let's talk about the newly appointed Director (USFW) from the Trump administration, Brian Nesvik. Here is a little about his track record. As Wyoming's Game and Fish Director, he oversaw policies that stripped protections from wolves and grizzlies, backed by lethal predator control, and failed to hold perpetrators accountable for horrific acts of cruelty against wildlife. Also, remember the horrific incident with Cody Roberts in February 2024? He was the man who ran over the female pup with his snowmobile, wrapped duct tape around her muzzle, and then tortured her in a bar before dragging her out back and killing her. Director Brian Nesvik let him off with just a \$250.00 fine. He also said just yesterday in reference to the Cody Roberts issue, "just let the dust settle, and we can get back to business as usual". This is our Director for USFW and who is trying to block the transfer of CPW bringing the group of wolves that may be the last for Colorado.

This is why we have to fight for what we believe in—Our wolves and wildlife! CWWC along with other organizations are working hard to protect our wolves, but we need help to continue this fight. We need your voices, we need your strength, we need you to spread the word, and we need help with any contributions that you can give. You see what we are up against, but that doesn't stop us. Stay with us and let's fight together as a unified force to end this WAR ON WOLVES!

— Darlene M. Kobobel

DENVER POST - Canada as part of the state's efforts to restore the predators, a shift that could hinder plans for more reintroductions this winter. The state has been releasing wolves west of the Continental Divide since 2023 after Colorado voters approved wolf reintroduction in 2020. About 30 wolves now roam mountainous regions of the state, and its management plan envisions potentially 200 or more wolves in the long term.

The program has been unpopular in rural areas, where some wolves have attacked livestock. Now, after 2 winters of releases during Biden's administration, wolf opponents appear to have found support from federal officials under Trump.

Colorado wolves must come from Northern Rockies states, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Brian Nesvik told Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Jeff Davis in a recent letter.

Colorado must "immediately cease and desist any and all efforts related to the capture, transport and/or release of gray wolves not obtained" from northern Rocky Mountain states, Nesvik wrote. Most of those states, including the Yellowstone region states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, where wolves from Canada were reintroduced in the 1990s, have said they don't want to be part of Colorado's reintroduction.

That could leave Colorado in a bind this winter. The state plans to relocate 10-15 wolves under an agreement with the British Columbia Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, CPW spokesperson Luke Perkins said in a statement Friday.

The agreement was signed before the state got the October 10 letter from Nesvik, according to

Perkins. He said the state "continues to evaluate all options to support this year's gray wolf releases" after getting "recent guidance" from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although some of Colorado's reintroduced wolves have come from Oregon, wolves released most recently have come from British Columbia.

The issue now is whether the federal agency required that wolves must come only from northern U.S. Rocky Mountain states when it designated Colorado's "experimental" population of reintroduced wolves.

A federal notice announcing the designation in 2023 referred to the northern Rockies region as merely the "preferred" and not the required source of wolves.

Defenders of Wildlife attorney Lisa Saltzburg said in a statement that the Fish and Wildlife Service was "twisting language" by saying wolves can't come from Canada or Alaska.

People in Colorado "should be proud of their state's leadership in conservation and coexistence, and the wolf reintroduction program illustrates those values," Saltzburg said.

The Colorado governor's office and CPW are in touch with the Interior Dept. about the letter and evaluating "all options" to allow wolf releases this year, Gov. Polis spokesperson Shelby Wieman said by email.

Fish and Wildlife Service spokesperson Garrett Peterson, whose voicemail said he wouldn't be available until after the government shutdown ends, didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

Find Talking Points and How to be a Voice for Wolves on the Next Page

To support informed public engagement, our Center has created a QR code linking to key talking points. Guests are encouraged to use it to submit comments directly to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). While the current government shutdown may limit immediate impact, we believe it's still worthwhile, at minimum, it helps educate and mobilize the public. This resource will also be shared via our social media channels.

Importantly, CPW has not backed down. We've been assured they are actively advocating for this effort and remain committed to seeing it through. We encourage everyone to continue placing trust in their leadership.

While nothing is yet finalized, the outlook remains positive. The latest count is nearly 30 plus wolves, including pups and there is great genetic diversity. Let's keep fighting this fight together!

—Darlene

COLORADO'S WOLF REINTRODUCTION IS UNDER ATTACK



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

LET USFWS KNOW WHY THEIR DIRECTOR'S (BRIAN NESVIK) DECISION TO PREVENT WOLVES COMING FROM ALASKA AND CANADA IS A THREAT TO WOLF RECOVERY IN COLORADO.

TALKING POINTS:

- 1. There is no language in the 10(j) preventing wolves being sourced from BC, Canada.
- 2. A gray wolf is a gray wolf — period. BC wolves are not a different species!
- 3. This is a dangerous attempt to sabotage wolf recovery in Colorado that could prevent this effort from being a success.



Terrestrial Wildlife Branch
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October 13, 2025

Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center Drone Donation

The Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center will donate a Skydio X10D drone and accessories (totaling approximately \$29,316.40) to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The drone will be used for non-invasive wolf research, monitoring, and management. The primary use of the drone is to locate wolves to conduct population counts, behavioral and health observations, and recruitment surveys. The secondary function of the drone is hazing wolves away from livestock, dwellings, or other areas of conflict. This involves using sounds, lights, and low-level flying to safely deter and discourage wolves from approaching the area, thereby reducing conflict without harm. This drone will not be used in lethal wolf removal operations, including locating a wolf for targeted lethal removal during an active operation.

CPW is grateful to the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center for the drone donation.

Brian Dreher
Assistant Director, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch



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A Grateful Howl of Thanks

Thanks to your incredible generosity, Colorado Wolf and Wildlife has successfully purchased a drone to support Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the reintroduction of gray wolves to our state. This vital tool will enhance monitoring efforts, improve safety, and contribute directly to the long-term success of coexistence between wolves and communities.

This milestone would not have been possible without you—our dedicated supporters who believe in the power of restoration and compassion. Your donations are making a tangible impact.

We invite you to continue this journey with us by contributing to the Colorado Coexistence Fund on our website. Every gift helps us protect wildlife, educate the public, and build a future where wolves and people thrive together.

With deepest gratitude,
The Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Team

Mexican Gray Wolves On The Verge Of Genetic Collapse; Urgent Action Needed By U.S. Wildlife Agencies

worldanimalnews.com



Photo: gnagel/Getty Images

Thirty leading conservation organizations are calling on wildlife agencies to take urgent, science-based action to protect the endangered Mexican gray wolf, whose genetic diversity has now declined for the fourth consecutive year.

In a formal letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the groups cautioned that without decisive action, the already vulnerable wolf population could face extinction. Their primary demand is the release of bonded wolf families from captivity, where genetic diversity is estimated to be 37% higher than in the wild.

"Mexican wolves won't recover unless agencies restore as much genetic diversity as can be salvaged from what's already been squandered," said Michael Robinson, a senior conservation advocate at the Center for Biological Diversity. "Federal and state agencies need to stop killing wolves with important genes and start releasing captive breeding wolves in family packs to give wolves the best chance at survival and recovery."

The groups are also calling for a halt to the removal and

killing of genetically valuable wolves from the wild, and for agencies to allow natural mixing between Mexican and northern gray wolves, something that historically occurred along the edges of their ranges and could restore lost genetic traits.

"Resuming family group releases from Saving Animals From Extinction partners like us is the best way to address this genetic crisis," said Regan Downey, director of education and advocacy at the Wolf Conservation Center. "The release of the Meridian pack in 2006, whose matriarch flew to the Southwest from our New York facility, provided much-needed diversity and proved once again that captive-born family groups can survive on the wild landscape — they just need the chance. So, let's give it to them."

While pups have been placed into wild dens since 2016, only 24 of 99 cross-fostered pups have survived through their first year. Experts argue this strategy is inadequate and far less effective than releasing full family packs, which have previously led to successful wild births and increased genetic diversity.

Recent actions by federal and state agencies have

undermined recovery efforts. Since April, at least seven genetically important wolves have been removed from the wild, some captured, some killed, including a pregnant female and her pup. Wildlife officials are now targeting her adult son. Conservationists are demanding an immediate stop to these removals.

The last release of a captive-bonded wolf family occurred in 2006 and was deemed highly successful. Genetic diversity in the wild peaked two years later. Yet, agencies have refused to return to this method, despite support from leading institutions like the Wolf Conservation Center and Sierra Club.

The groups are also challenging policies that prevent Mexican gray wolves from traveling north of Interstate 40, and bar northern wolves from heading south. Scientists

say these natural migrations are essential for long-term genetic health and resilience.

Mexican gray wolves are the most genetically inbred gray wolf population in North America. With just seven founders, today's wolves suffer from traits associated with inbreeding, including lower reproductive success and physical deformities. Scientists stress that only increased genetic diversity can prevent the irreversible collapse of the species.

Conservationists are calling this a make-or-break moment for the lobo. Without serious changes in management, from releasing wolf families to stopping removals and allowing natural range expansion, the Mexican gray wolf could disappear from the wild once again, this time for good.



WATCH: Wolf children in Lithuania: The forgotten orphans of WW2

Bettina Stehkämper | DW.com | October 4, 2025

The end of World War Two changed not only the borders, but also countless lives — like Luise's. She was one of hundreds of what are now referred to as "wolf children" who fought to survive without their parents, all alone in East Prussia and the Baltics.

The mass exodus from East Prussia deeply affected children. In northern East Prussia, around Königsberg, tens of thousands of people died from disease and malnutrition. Often, the children were left behind. But without their parents, any relatives, or homes, they were had to fend for themselves. Many fled from impending starvation by crossing into neighboring Lithuania, where they begged or worked for bread and other bare necessities. For decades, their stories went unrecognized.

They were too young to be considered directly complicit, but just German enough to be blamed for the crimes of the Nazi regime.

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Available in our Gift Store
or order online by clicking here!

CWWC is looking for winter interns & volunteers!

✉ Contact: **Kelly@wolfeducation.org**



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and watch them enjoy their turkey dinners.
(No turkeys will be alive or harmed with this event)

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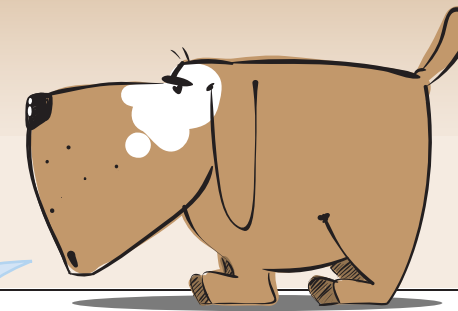
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tcrascolorado.org · 719.686.7707

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[NOTE - Our shelter is still open for adoptions, but we are asking that you call ahead and make an appointment before coming in to the shelter - 719-686-7707.]

CASSIE »

Hi there, my name is Cassie, and it's great to meet you. I came from Texas for my new beginning here in Colorado. I have a fun, outgoing personality once I feel safe and loved. While the people here at the shelter think I am great and have been wonderful to me, I want a home! I would love some windows to watch all the birds from and a really comfy couch and bed to sleep on.



« SOPHIE

Hello friends! I would love nothing more than to go out and play in all this sunshine! I'd love a yard to run around in and a family to play with! I'm very smart and eager to please, and especially active! I just need someone to show me the way to be an ever-better dog! I can be a bit strong-minded so I need someone ready with a regular schedule to help me best adjust to me home!



SLVAWS
Please check our website,
www.slvaws.org for our next
adoption fair in Colorado Springs,
every Saturday 10am-3pm.

RED & OREO

Boys Red and Oreo were abandoned in the mountains near San Luis, CO. They are both sweethearts and very affectionate. Two-year-old Red is appears to be an American bulldog mix. His best friend Oreo is a 6 month old heeler mix. They are neutered, current on all vaccinations, microchipped, about knee high. They would love a home together.

