

Wolves need your Voice



We have a Vision where Wolves are Protected and Restore a critical Natural Balance. Wolves evolved with our native wildlife and our ecosystems depend on them to keep them healthy. When wolf families are protected, their benefits reach to restoring ecosystem health and biodiversity, climate resilience, and even our own existence.

BUT THIS VISION OF COLORADO AS A MODEL OF WOLF STEWARDSHIP IS SLIPPING AWAY.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has produced a [draft wolf plan](#) following the 2020 passage of [Proposition 114](#) to restore gray wolves to Colorado. But CPW's draft plan falls far short of the conservation measures and science-based management that is essential for a thriving wolf population that can restore a critical natural balance. Currently, the plan focuses more on wolf killing than wolf recovery.

CPW's Commissioners can ensure sustainable wolf restoration by changing their draft plan to emphasize non-lethal coexistence measures, rule out recreational killing, and ensure that a viable wolf population is widely distributed across our public lands.

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE IN COLORADO.

Our Politicians are entrusted to protect our heritage and environment for future generations, wolves are at the core of that promise. This responsibility has often been ignored and it's up to us to remind them.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

[Send in your comments](#) on the draft plan by February 22 or [attend a public CPW wolf plan meeting](#) (list of meetings and suggested talking points below).

GET INVOLVED!

- Tuesday, January 17th, [ThunderZone Pizza and Taphouse](#), CSU, Pueblo. 4:00-5:00 pm. We'd love to buy you a brew, share [our vision for wolves in Colorado](#), and help with writing comments to the CPW Commissioners.
- Thursday, January 26th, [Patagonia, Denver](#). 6:30-7:30 pm. Wolf film shorts and "A Plan for Coexistence" by Michael Robinson, senior conservation advocate at Center for Biological Diversity.
- Sunday, January 29th at [FossilCraft Beer](#), Colorado Springs. 5:00-6:00 pm. Brews on us and "A Plan for Coexistence" with Michael Robinson, senior conservation advocate with Center for Biodiversity.
- Thursday, February 9th at [TapHouse](#), Arvada. 6:00-7:00 pm. Brews on us, talk wolves, share [our vision for wolves in Colorado](#), and help with writing comments to the CPW Commissioners.
- Thursday, February 16th, [Station 26](#) Brewing Company. 4:00-6:00 pm. Brews on us, talk Wolves, share [our vision for wolves in Colorado](#), and help with writing comments to the CPW Commissioners.
- Sunday, February 19th, [Waldschänke Ciders](#), 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Brews on us, talk Wolves, share our [vision for wolves in Colorado](#), and help with writing comment to the CPW Commissioners.

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[Attend a public meeting.](#) We need you there to raise your voice in support of ecological restoration, coexistence, and a plan that follows the best available science! To speak at the meetings, you must sign up at the door (first come, first-served) 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each. Wolf specific meetings and suggested talking points are below.

- January 19th, 8 am, Colorado Springs, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, 3225 Broadmoor Valley Road
- January 25th, 8 am, Gunnison, Western Colorado University, 1 Western Way
- February 7th, 8 am, Rifle, Colorado Mountain College, 3695 Airport Road
- February 16th, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30- p.m.– Statewide hearing via Zoom. Sign up to comment at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Submit-Public-Comments.aspx>, or watch at <https://www.youtube.com/user/coloparkswildlife/live>.
- February 22nd, Denver, CPW Headquarters, 6060 Broadway

Join us in HOWLING YES! for a sustainable Colorado wolf restoration plan. [Send in your comments](#) on the draft plan by February 22 . With your support, we can make positive change happen for wolves.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS.

Gray wolves can bring about immensely positive ecological, economic and social opportunities for Coloradans. But these positive effects only occur when wolf family groups are intact and not disrupted by trophy hunting or lethal management.

- No trophy hunting and no trapping or snaring, ever. Proposition 114 (statute 33-2-105.8) directs that wolves remain classified as a non-game species in Colorado, meaning no recreational trophy hunting, trapping or snaring. Respect the vote of the people.
- Wolves need a minimum population of 750 individuals distributed across at least 10 of 13 wolf pack recovery zones on Colorado's West Slope. A self-sustaining wolf population requires a minimum of 750 wolves. CPW's plan for wolves to lose protected status when there are only 150-200 anywhere in Colorado is a plan for failure - these numbers rely on outdated environmental analysis from the Northern Rockies in 1994. Without protected status, wolves are more likely to be killed and their populations decline.
- Coexistence strategies that prevent and reduce conflict between livestock and wolves should be required on public lands. Non-lethal livestock-wolf coexistence strategies are both more effective and ethical than lethal strategies.
- Compensation for livestock loss should not incentivize killing wolves and implementation of non-lethal coexistence measures should be a prerequisite for compensation for livestock loss. But CPW's plan does not include any requirement for livestock owners to implement coexistence measures to be eligible for compensation for lost animals.
- Wolves should be safe on public lands and not subject to being killed. Public lands provide the last refuge for biodiversity – as biodiversity crashes across the world, those lands and species, especially keystone carnivores such as wolves which enhance biodiversity, must be protected.
- A wolf-killing loophole needs to be closed. Currently CPW's plan states that "Any employee or agent of CPW or USFWS or appropriate state or federal or tribal agency, who is designated in writing, when acting in the course of official duties may take a wolf from the wild if such actions [are]...to avoid conflict with human activities." This language opens wolf killing to any reason and undermines any wolf protections.

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