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

Dear Readers,

It is the 11th hour for the draft plan that is now in the hands of the CPW commissioners. As some of you are aware, I was a member of the SAG (Stakeholders Advisory Group) and my job was to bring diverse viewpoints to the group. After a long 18 months of meetings, we finally finished on October 2022. Our group consisted of individuals ranging from ranchers, trappers, and hunters; which compiled as the majority and a few that were pro-wolf. The draft was constructed of phases in developing a plan for the gray wolf reintroduction. There were 3 phases that we could live with and a Phase #4 that we could not. We walked away satisfied that we came to no consensus on Phase #4. See link for the complete draft plan.

Phase #4 is on page iii. <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Wolves/DRAFT-CO-Wolf-Plan.pdf>. Unfortunately, It is interesting that somehow Phase #4 was put into this draft even after the SAG had recommended that it be tabled until a future time. Below and on the following page is the language of Phase #4.

WOLVES MAY BE RECLASSIFIED AS A GAME SPECIES

Phase 4 (Game species status): "Phase 4" refers to when the wolf may potentially be classified as a game species in the future. Phase 4 is not required under CRS 33-2-105.8. There is no population objective for wolves in this Plan. Long-term wolf management may include reclassification as a big game or furbearer species. Regulated public harvest of wolves by hunting during designated seasons is one tool that may help CPW manage wolf numbers and social acceptance of wolves upon delisting and reclassification as a game species.

Proposition #114 C.R.S. 33-2-105.8 precludes wolves as a non-game species. Recreational killing of wolves must not be considered in any future management scenario.

We are very concerned about this language and our only hope to amend parts of this draft would hopefully be to show support by attending the upcoming meetings that will be held this month and next. I do know that thousands of support letters have been sent to the commissioners, however that may not be enough. I attended and spoke at the first public meeting on the January 19th meeting in Colorado Springs at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. I closed the Center down that day to have my entire staff attend, speak and show support for our wolves. I will be closing the Center again for the final meeting in Denver on February 22nd, 2023 so we can make another stand for what we believe in and for fairness to be amended in this final plan.

There are many things in this plan that are not wolf friendly if you glance though this draft, but our main concern is Phase #4. Most of this draft lays heavy on compensation for ranchers and lethal take of wolves with very little about conflict management and non-lethal tools. There are no incentives or any language stronger than it is "encouraged". In addition to this is the small number of wolves that are projected to be reintroduced. We feel that there is not much consideration for things that could occur such as poaching, wolves getting hit by cars, hunting mortalities, mange and more.

Lastly, Phases 1 and 2 have these limited protections.

In Phases 1 and 2, a limited duration permit for lethal take may be issued to a livestock owner or agent of the livestock owner on private or public land. A permit is required under state law (CRS 33-2-106.4). Non-lethal conflict mitigation measures will be considered prior to issuance of any lethal take permit. In Phase 3, the same permitting requirements exist. Further coordination with Colorado Department of Agriculture will be required as well per Colo. Rev. Stat. § 35-40-101(4).

I am reaching out because we worked so hard to have this historic event for the return of the Gray wolf to be upon Colorado's landscape after over 80 years of being absent due to being exterminated and now we feel that we have to fight again just to keep them safe. I am asking for anyone who cares about wolves to help me help the wolves. Below is information where you can speak up for wolves. There are opportunities for people who live in Colorado and people who are out of state. For people who want to speak at the meetings and for people who can just show up and stand in solidarity. After February 22nd, we are done and it is out of our hands. The commissioners are the decision makers and the more people who can voice their thoughts in support, shows strength from the people. Just close your eyes and think of why you have a love in your heart for wolves. That is why you need to help protect them.

Darlene Kobobel
Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center

TWO THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW!!

Wolf comments:

<https://engagecpw.org/hub-page/wolf-engagement>

CPW's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoParksWildlife/>

Don't want to speak but want to support?
Show up and wear your best wolf shirt!

Out of state?

<https://engagecpw.org/hub-page/wolf-engagement>
and <https://www.facebook.com/CoParksWildlife/>

or Scan QR code for links and information:





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.

[Send in your comments](#) on the draft plan by February 22 or attend a public CPW wolf plan meeting. With your support, we can make positive change happen for wolves. Suggested talking points are below.

[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

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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 (statue 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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Go to wolfeducation.org/cpw-wolf-management-plan to view working PDF



Photos taken in and near Roxborough State Park, late December 2023 by Bernadette Stonefield

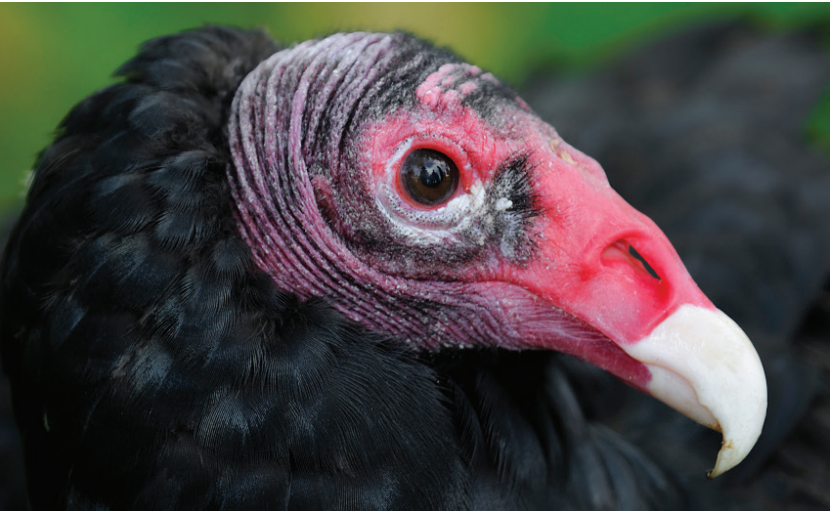


How Wolf Conservation Helps Vultures: The Ecological Relationship Between Vultures and Wolves

by Emilee Caudill

Not only do wolves and vultures share an unfortunately bad reputation, but they also appear to have a mutualistic relationship benefitting from shared habitats. Research suggests that wolves use the movement of vultures within a habitat to locate fresh scavenging opportunities. Vultures have powerful senses, using their keen sense of smell or impressive vision to find the freshest carrion possible. Predators, like wolves, that scavenge will follow a group of vultures to locate carrion. Vultures also benefit from living near wolves, eating what is left behind of larger kills that the wolves have made.

Vultures are considered a keystone species, playing an important role in disease control within their ecosystems. These scavenging birds have highly acidic stomachs that are capable of destroying diseases including tuberculosis, anthrax, the bubonic plague, botulism, and rabies. Vultures also control diseases by limiting other scavengers in the environment that are more likely to spread diseases, like insects, rodents, and feral dogs. By competing with other scavengers for carrion, vultures help prevent the overpopulation of these other species.



In areas where vultures have declined, diseases that affect humans have risen at an alarming rate. Between 1992 and 2007, vulture populations declined by 96 to 99% in India. The birds were seen as a nuisance and were pushed to the brink of extinction by elimination efforts from humans. During this period, feral dog populations increased dramatically by 7 million individuals. Feral dogs are responsible for approximately 95% of rabies cases in humans, causing an increase in the number of humans contracting rabies in the areas. Over 45,000 people died during that time period from rabies in India, causing a public health crisis in the area.

Vultures play an important role in preventing disease for a variety of different animals, especially mammals like humans. The main conservation risk for vultures is toxins in the environment. These toxins are the main reason why 88% of endangered vulture species are at risk of extinction. The toxicants are introduced to the environment in a variety of ways, including retaliatory poisonings by humans intended to kill carnivores in the area. This often comes in the form of a whole carcass being laced with poison and left for a variety of animals to scavenge on. Although the intended target may be apex predators like the wolf, they are not the only keystone species that suffer the consequences. In Greece, a direct relationship between the appearance of wolves and the reduction of cinereous and griffon vultures was observed due to retaliatory and preventative poisonings intended for the wolves by farmers. In the case of wolves and vultures, negative consequences will follow their disappearances from the ecosystems they occupy. These consequences will be so far-reaching that they will touch humans unknowingly depending on these animals for their own well-being

About Me:

My name is Emilee Caudill, and I am a committed volunteer at the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center. I moved to Colorado in 2020 to pursue a degree in Zoo Keeping Technology at Pikes Peak State College. I am passionate about constantly improving the lives of animals living in human care, and giving those animals a voice to advocate for the conservation of their species in the wild.



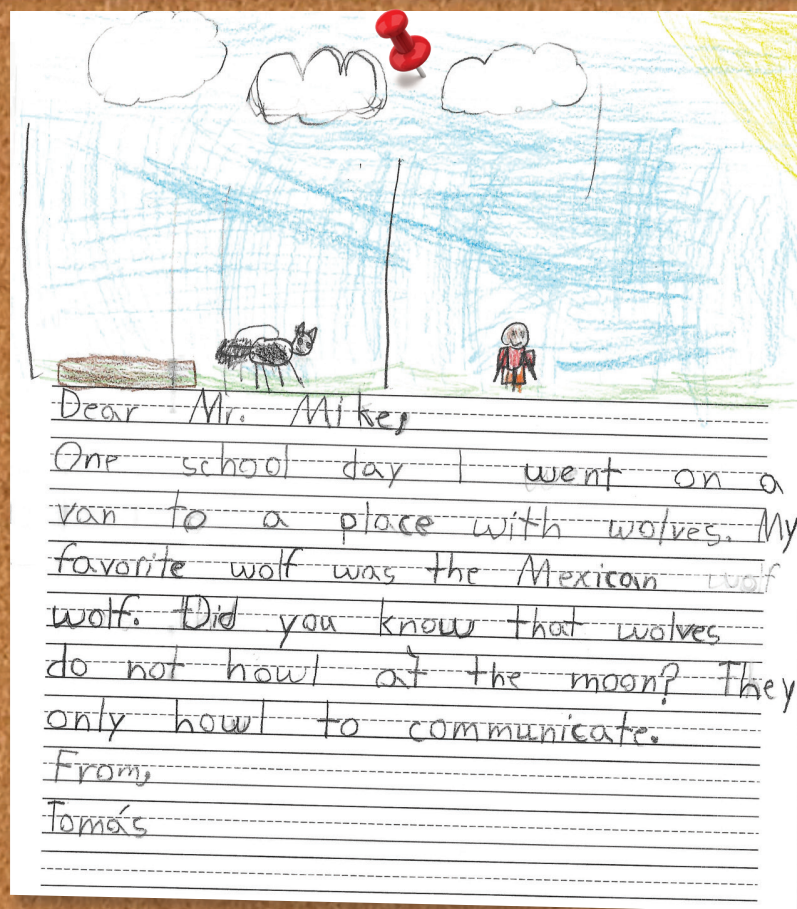
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Dear wolf & wildlife Center,

Thank you for letting our first grade class visit your amazing center! The enclosed letters are really for all of you who worked so hard, both before and during the tour, to help our class! I had the students address the letters to the main tour guide since I regrettably did not remember the rest of your names - but I do remember and appreciate your service to myself and my students!

Rashley Flores



Dear Mr. Mike,

One school day I went on a van to a place with wolves. My favorite wolf was the Mexican wolf. Did you know that wolves do not howl at the moon? They only howl to communicate.

From,

Tomas

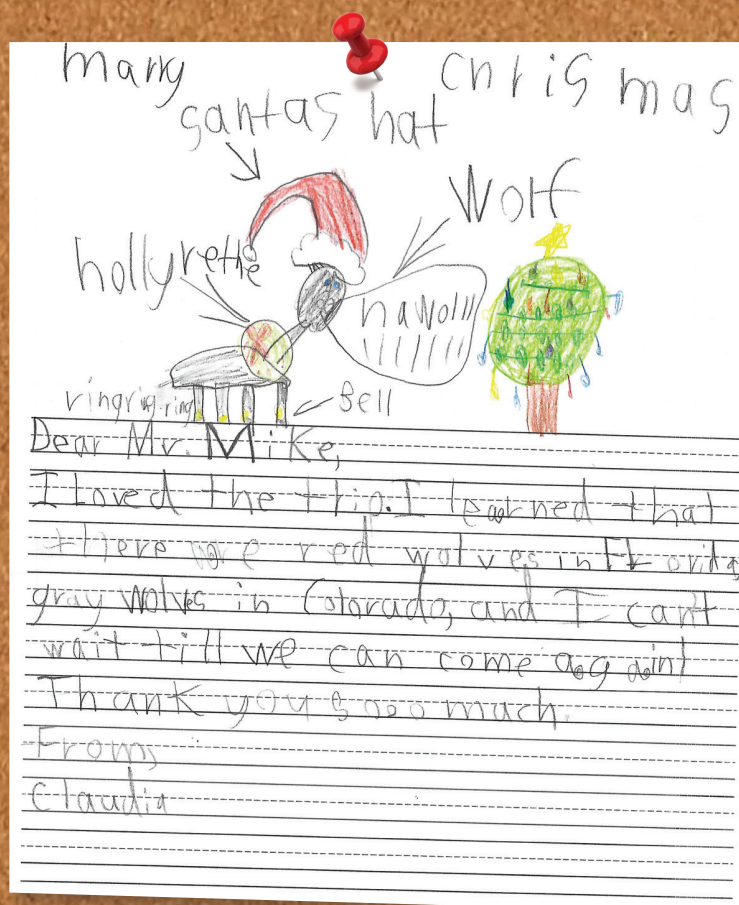


Dear Mr. Mike,

I saw so many cute wolves! I saw a red wolf. I saw a wolf eating. I saw a wolf howl. I saw a Peacock. I liked it.

From

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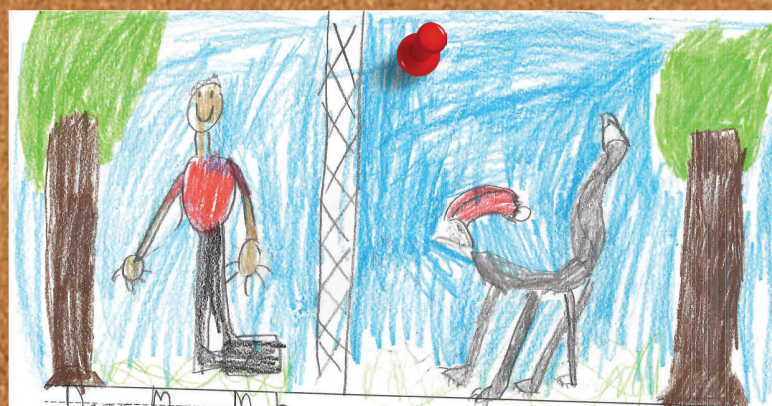
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Dear Mr. Mike,

I loved the trip. I learned that there were red wolves in the wild. I love gray wolves in Colorado, and I can't wait till we can come again. Thank you so much.

From,

Claudia



Dear Mr. Mike,

Thank you Mike for showing us all of the wolves. I learned a lot while I was there. It was the best place ever. The wolves were really fun to watch. I love the wolves.

From,

Jaden



Dear Mr. Mike,

I like your wolves. They're so cute. Now I've learned about wolves. I love wolves. They're the best animal in the world.

From,

Eistey

SAY **NO** TO RECREATIONAL KILLING AND TROPHY HUNTING OF COLORADO'S WOLVES

You can express your thoughts and make comments to your CPW commissioners about recreational killing and trophy hunting that may be a future topic for Colorado wolves. These are the decision makers and your comments do matter. You can also go to cpw.state.co.us SOC-Wolves for more information.

In early January and February 2023 there will be a chance to speak at public meetings to the commissioners. We will provide dates and locations in the upcoming months.

Remember that YOUR VOICE can make a difference and if you want to see wolves living free and protected, they need you.

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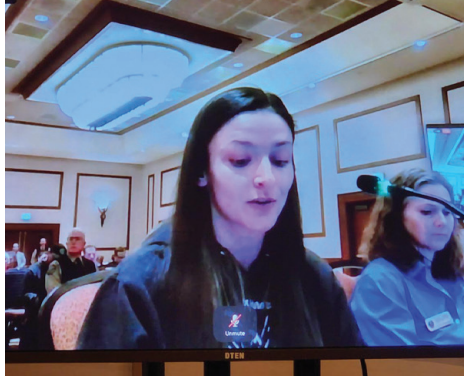
WAYS TO CO-EXIST WITH WOLVES

www.woodriverwolfproject.org/tools



<https://tinyurl.com/RestoreWolfProtection>

Thoughts About the January 19th Commissioner Meeting



"Attending the Commissioner meeting felt much different than the previous SAG meetings I've had the opportunity to speak at. Although our fight for wolves is not over, the January 19th meeting felt like we were almost at the finish line in getting where we needed to ensure this plan's lasting success. Most commenters voiced their concerns about Phase 4 in addition to the plan's need for additional scientific revision. We can only hope that the commissioners truly take note of public concern and eliminate the proposition of recreational hunting all together. You could feel the energy of the advocates who came together to support Colorado's future population. It was a powerful and historic event."

– **Kelly Murphy**

"Every chance to be a voice for our wolves is a privilege. I left Thursday's meeting both inspired and upset. Inspired because of how many people (some that I had never seen at a meeting before) spoke before the commission in support of our wolves with such passion. We came together to be a strong voice, and I know we were heard. However, of course I was frustrated and heartbroken by a lot of what we heard. I'm frustrated every time I hear people say "you can use science to prove anything" because we want the best science used in the management of our wolves- the science they choose to ignore. To hear one of the commissioners themselves state how we should be PROUD to see wolves hunted? Is... heartbreaking at the least. Disappointing. Upsetting to know she is one of the few who is making the decisions that will determine if our wolves will be protected or killed. It was hard to have to sit there and listen to that. But yet again I'm inspired! Because we have work to do. That's where the fire comes from. I am angry, but I have hope that we can protect our wolves. We are bringing them here to thrive in their new home, not to be hunted. And I will fight for that."

– **Lindsey Grigg**

"Attending these meetings is such a great experience to listen to everyone's perspective and to see the concerns of the public. The meetings can be quite emotional for everyone on both sides. It is good to see and hear everyone's thoughts though because you can see who all has done their research into the matter and who is only commenting for personal gain on certain aspecs. Some of the comments are appalling to hear and can be very infuriating. We're all trying to work together to make this work for the wolves and for the public. To make sure it is done right the first time. None the less, it is a great thing for everyone to experience at least once. The wolves need our help and I am happy to see quite a few who are here to support them through thick and thin no matter what."

– **Alexis Kissinger**

"While I have attended SAG meetings, this was my first commissioners meeting and I will say, it was very different. For the first time in my life I felt like the fate of the world was being discussed in that room and for us it is our world. I felt that it was more positive than I expected, but was not surprised by what most commissioners, and a lot of the people, had to say about lethal measures on the wolves. It broke my heart to see that these people who supposedly want the best for Colorado were not allowing the will of the people and science speak for the wolves, but were only focused on the financial aspect and allowing certain people to speak for an extra 30 minutes when no one else was called to speak as well was so frustrating. But it especially broke my heart when the people I work with, my brothers and sisters in arms in this regard, were not being heard. I truly hope it works out in the end."

– **Ethan Ray**

"The commissioners meeting left me feeling uneasy about the future of wolves in Colorado. While it was interesting and insightful to hear from the community about different concerns regarding the draft plan, I felt that there was a consistent focus on the potential negatives of wolves from several of the commissioners. Wolves are an essential keystone species and it is in the best interest of Colorado ecosystems to focus on wildlife-human conflict resolution rather than relying on lethal management. Concerns about wolves being listed as a game species in phase 4 of the draft plan were consistently brought up as a concern during public comments, and that concern was dismissed instead of appropriately addressed. I fear that wolves being reintroduced will not have the appropriate protections to thrive. We have already committed to reintroducing this species, and it is our obligation to protect and preserve them."

– **Emilee Caudill**



"What I learned while attending and speaking at the CPW commissioners meeting about the CPW reintroduction plan was that the AG industry is very powerful and has even stronger influence on the political process than I previously thought. I found this very disappointing. I also learned that since this was an actual commissioners meeting, the public comments can be more influential than they were in the SAG meetings. While I realize it is a very uphill battle, the more people that come out and speak in favor of the wolves, the better chance we have to, at least, get phase 4 removed from the plan."



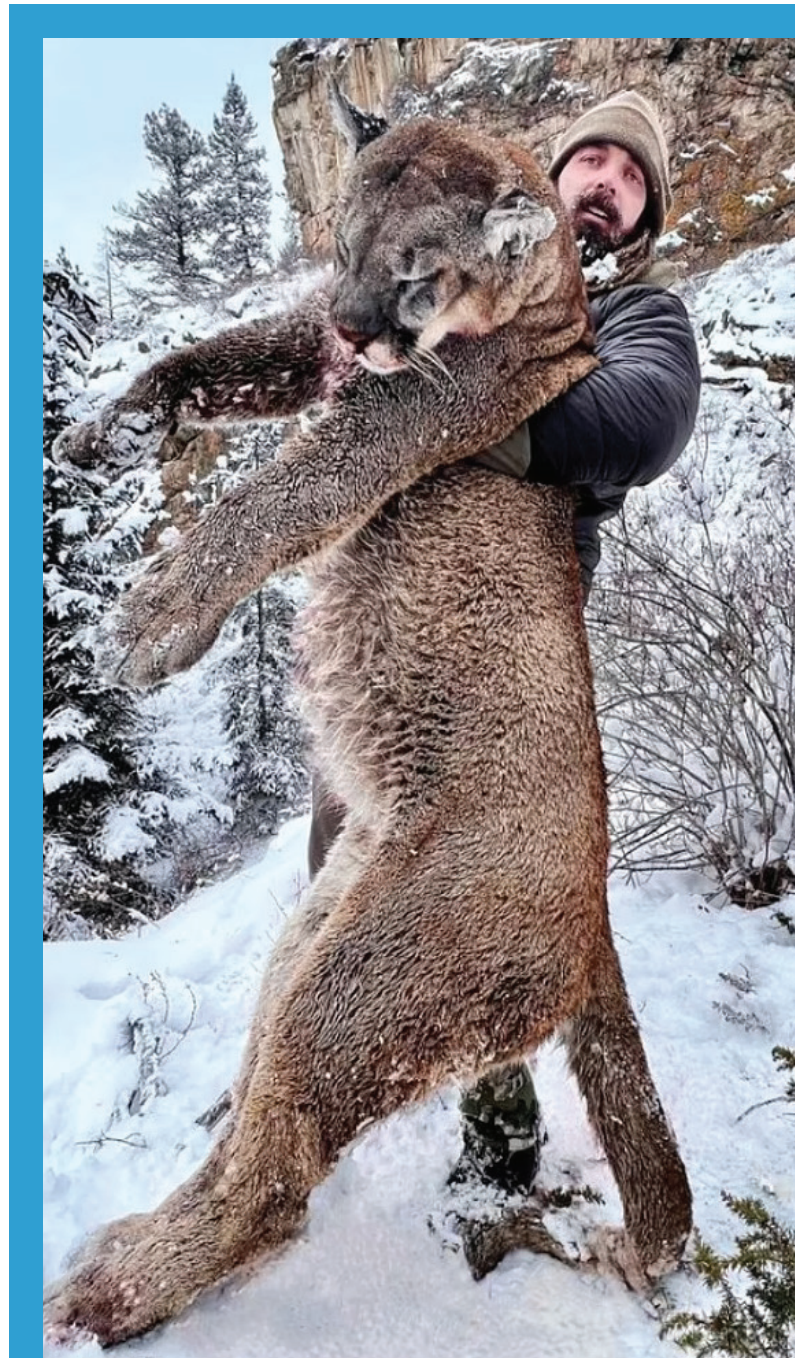
– **Kirk Tidlund**

"It's a shame that CPW commissioners are so eager to hunt down wolves in the state, before even allowing them to rebuild their population. It seems like it goes against the natural order of things, and completely disregards the need for protection. Wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem and should not be treated as a trophy animal."

My greatest takeaway from this meeting is that we need to take better measures to ensure the safety of these animals, and that they are allowed to grow and thrive without being hunted for sport. We should be working to protect wolves, not treat them as a commodity. Conservation efforts need to be made to ensure that wolves can live freely and safely in their natural habitat.

Rather than making these animals a trophy game, we must find ways to co-exist with them, and appreciate their role in our environment. We should remember that wolves are essential for the health of our planet, and we have the responsibility to protect them, not hunt them down for entertainment."

– **Katie Barlow**



derekwolfe_95 • *Predator Control* 🚒 Late Tuesday night I got a call from @huntnest to see if I wanted to stalk a giant Tom (male mountain lion) who has been wreaking havoc in a rural neighborhood. He had already killed two of her dogs and was living under her porch, nervous what he might do next. We found a fresh 4x4 mule deer he had just killed. We hiked straight up 2500ft and down the other side, then back up again, back down the other side and then back up again to 9600ft. Exhausted, dehydrated, cramping I drew back my @hoytbowhunting and sent an @sevrbroadheads through him. Then I had to crawl backwards down the mountain with him to get him to the truck I fell 10ft off a rock face on the way down lol. Any guess how big this thing was ? #rockymountains #mountainlion #bowhunting #bowhunterplanet #hello

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Ex-NFL star Derek Wolfe kills a massive mountain lion with a bow and arrow before 'falling ten feet off a rock face' with the 195-pound carcass... but social media blasts him for 'ridiculous' hunt and 'posing with the corpse'

Isabel Baldwin for Dailymail.com & Madeleine Ross for Mailonline | January 20, 2023

Super Bowl champion Derek Wolfe has revealed how he hunted and killed a massive mountain lion using a bow and arrow – before falling ten feet off a rockface with the 195lb carcass.

The former Denver Broncos defensive end said he had been asked to hunt the animal after it 'wreaked havoc' in a Colorado neighborhood, killing two dogs and a mule deer.

Sharing an Instagram photo of him holding the carcass of the enormous big cat, the 32-year-old said he had killed the beast using a bow and arrow. The former NFL player said a woman from his neighborhood asked him to track down the mountain lion that was living under her porch.

It had already killed two of her dogs and she was 'nervous what he might do next'.

Wolfe said after finding the dead deer he hiked over 9,600 feet up rough terrain to chase down the big cat and was 'exhausted, dehydrated and cramping'.

However, he eventually found the animal and killed it with his bow and arrow.

The lineman said he had to crawl backwards down the mountain, dragging the carcass with him, to get it back to his truck, falling 10 feet off a rock face in the process.

Wolfe shared a photo of him lifting up the carcass, which looked to at least match his six-foot-five frame and he estimated it 'probably' weighed 195 pounds.

The former NFL player regularly posts photos of his kills on his Instagram feed, and is a keen hunter and fisherman.

It is legal to hunt with a bow and arrow in Colorado, but a 'bowhunter education card' or a traditional hunter education card is needed, as well as an archery-specific hunting license.

According to Bowhunter Education, you must be at least 10 years old to take the online course, and do not need to specifically be a Colorado resident to be able to hunt in the state.

Wolfe played in the NFL between 2012 and 2021. He was a second-round pick, 36th overall, by Denver in the 2012 NFL Draft and spent eight seasons with the Broncos.

He played the 2020 season with the Baltimore Ravens before calling time on his a career after injury ruled him out of the 2021 season.

Several ex-NFL players commented on his post, shocked at the catch. Former Rams star Michael Brockers wrote: 'That's crazy bro.'

However, some social media users were not impressed with the catch, slamming him for the hunt.

'Glorifying a so-called tough guy taking out a majestically big and beautiful cat,' one Twitter user wrote.

'Too bad the endangerment laws are not fully enforced in CO. And oh - keep your friggin dogs indoors at night.'

'Grant is not a city. When you live in rural Colorado you sign up for living WITH wildlife,' another claimed.

'There are guidelines for NOT making your dogs a food source. Go back to Kentucky.'


One blasted Wolfe for posing with his kill, writing: 'If it had to be done, I understand. No reason to pose with the corpse though.'


Another added that he should be ashamed. saying: 'Mountain lions don't terrorize. They survive. Humans, like one of the most disappointing high draft choices of the Broncos terrorize. Shame on you for celebrating this.'

Others disagreed with Wolfe's claims the mountain lion had been 'terrorizing' the neighborhood as one user branded it 'ridiculous'.


They posted: 'Terrorizing???? Or maybe because y'all encroached on it's home and it was hungry!! Naw this ain't it!! Smdh!! There aren't enough to go around and they don't repopulate like deer etc.. sooo try again.. THIS IS NOT A WIN MY FRIEND!! This is just ridiculous!!!'

Another suggested that Wolfe was the danger, not the big cat, sharing: 'Ex-NFL player Derek Wolfe kills a mountain Lion in Colorado. I feel some type of way about this. These types are dangerous. The human not the lion. #AnimalCruelty'

 Dan Wollenhaupt
@danw14ers
Replying to @TMZ_Sports
Grant is not a city. When you live in rural Colorado you sign up for living WITH wildlife. There are guidelines for NOT making your dogs a food source. Go back to Kentucky.

 TransientAnus
@AnusTransient
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 Christopher Dillman
@sundaygladiator
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Glorifying a so-called tough guy taking out a majestically big and beautiful cat. Too bad the endangerment laws are not fully enforced in CO. And oh - keep your friggin dogs indoors at night.

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Trappers take 62 wolves during month-long Prince of Wales Island season

Raegan Miller, KRBD - Ketchikan | Alaska Public Media | January 12, 2023



An Alaska Department of Fish and Game wildlife biologist came upon this Alexander Archipelago wolf on Prince of Wales Island in the summer of 2018. (Kris Larson/ADF&G)

State wildlife officials say 62 wolves were taken during the 31-day harvest that ran from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15.

State biologists say they are comfortable with that number. Based on population estimates and previous harvest rates, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game expected that somewhere between 60 and 100 wolves would be taken this season.

From 1997 until 2019, Fish and Game used a quota-based system for wolf harvests. Starting in the 2019 season, the department switched to an opening-based system based on population estimates. The state estimated roughly 230 wolves lived on Prince of Wales Island and the surrounding islands as of the fall of 2021. Biologists aim for a population of between 150 and 200 wolves.

But environmental advocates are worried.

Collette Adkins is the carnivore conservation director for the Center for Biological Diversity,

one of the groups fighting to list the Alexander Archipelago wolf as endangered.

“I mean, 60 something last year, (and) 60 something this year — these wolves are going to end up on the endangered species list if this type of trapping continues,” Adkins said.

Adkins said her organization would like to see trapping stop in Unit 2 altogether. But area trappers have other ideas — including moving the season to the spring, instead of the winter.

Trapper Devin Dalin submitted a letter to Ketchikan’s Fish and Game Advisory Committee explaining why he feels that the wolf harvest should be moved to the beginning of March. Dalin was a member of the committee until his term expired this past summer.

“March offers better weather and longer days which gives the trapper a safer and more effective time of year to trap,” Dalin wrote in the letter “Along with it being warmer weather and longer days in

March. March also offers trappers a break as they do not have to compete with deer hunters, and or duck hunters in their trapline area.”

He also addressed the committee at a recent meeting.

“A lot of people have complained for years about ice in November, in December, and snow, and can’t access areas, bad weather, short days,” Dalin said.

Trappers also wouldn’t be in the field around the same time as duck or deer hunters. He says a spring season would avoid snaring deer during their critical breeding season.

“And moving into March, the deer have slowed down a lot,” he explained. “They’re not quite moving as much. They’re still moving but they’re not moving (in) quite a wide of a range where you would catch them in a snare quite as likely. They’re going to be laying a little bit lower.”

The Ketchikan advisory committee unanimously chose to support a spring trapping season. But Adkins, from the Center for Biological Diversity, said the idea comes with its own problems.

“That’s during the wolves’ breeding season,” she

said. “It’s a particularly sensitive time for wolves, and there are so many other ways to protect deer from snaring.”

She suggested so-called breakaway devices that have a loop that breaks with a certain amount of force.

“So moving the trapping season to March would only make things worse for wolves,” Adkins said.

While the advisory committee supported the idea, it’s not scheduled for discussion by the Board of Game when it meets in Ketchikan on Jan. 20.

There are a few wolf-related items on the Board of Game’s agenda. One proposal from the Alaska Wildlife Alliance would nearly double the target wolf population to between 250 and 350 wolves. Others would change the way the population or harvest level are calculated.

A proposal from Ketchikan’s advisory committee would open the wolf hunting season Sept. 1 and set a five-wolf bag limit. Most wolves are killed by trappers, but an earlier hunting season would allow deer hunters to kill wolves they encounter.



COLORADO (KRDO) -- According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, state park passes will be cheaper and easier to access, just in time for the New Year. The pass will allow access to state parks through your vehicle's license plate.

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SHE MISTOOK A DOG FOR A WOLF—AND FIRED HER WEAPON

Amanda Wright | Adventure Journal | January 17, 2023



The story of a Montana woman who, last fall killed and skinned a domestic dog, then proudly posted photos on her social media pages, has sparked a flood of public outrage.

It should. The woman allegedly mistook the dog for a wolf, saying she was excited to share that she had “smoked a wolf pup.” When others pointed out that she had actually killed a dog, likely a husky and not a young wolf, she doubled down on her actions, saying that if she were in that situation again, she still would have pulled the trigger.

The photos are gut wrenching. In one, the woman holds up the dead dog’s head and smiles. In another, she poses next to the dog’s skinned body, seemingly prepared as a trophy rug for a wall or floor display.

According to media outlets, the husky and at least 11 others had been abandoned in the Doris Creek area of Flathead National Forest in Montana. The local sheriff’s office reported that several of the dogs tested positive for parvovirus, a highly contagious disease transmissible to dogs, foxes, coyotes and wolves. An investigation is ongoing.

The woman who killed the husky defended her actions by saying that she hadn’t killed anybody’s pet. Somehow, that’s not an excuse.

But the context here points to a larger and troubling reality about the status and persecution of wolves in the West. They are killed every day during trophy-hunting seasons in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In Montana, trophy hunters can kill up to 20 wolves each and in Idaho there’s no limit at all.

This is how the killing is carried out in 2022: Wolves are chased down with packs of radio-collared dogs, shot at night with the aid of night-vision goggles, or captured in steel jawed leghold traps and strangling wire neck snares.

In Idaho, even mothers and pups in their dens can be killed year-round. They’re slaughtered by the hundreds each year — both legally and by poachers and lawbreakers who live by the “shoot, shovel and shut up” code of killing wildlife.

The killing of a husky under these circumstances is a tragedy, one born of a trigger-happy mindset about killing wolves, and now, it would seem, any canid that might be mistaken for one. In that sense, it’s part of the larger tragedy that threatens America’s wolf populations, one that we could prevent by restoring federal protections for them.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering whether or not to relist wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains under the federal Endangered Species Act.

If authorities can identify and punish anyone responsible for the abandonment of the dogs, or find a way to hold the woman who killed the husky accountable, they certainly should do so. As companions at home and in the field, dogs are special, and a society that fails to protect them is not one to be envied. But we can also think about how we treat wolves in light of this incident.

In the West, we know that wolves are ecologically important as well as a huge magnet for ecotourism. Their presence is worth literally billions of tourist dollars annually to Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

It’s the height of folly to destroy their populations, and Western states with their disturbing and vicious policies are not merely out of step with majority opinion concerning the trophy killing of wolves. They are also divorced from everything we know about the value of wolves to the region’s ecological balance.

Killing wolves out of some misplaced zeal threatens to undo decades of progress toward recovery. That is why it is vital for the federal government to restore protections to wolves in the Northern Rockies now.

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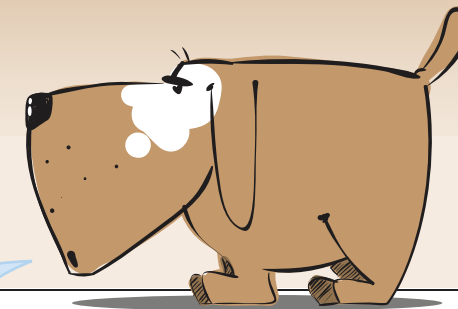
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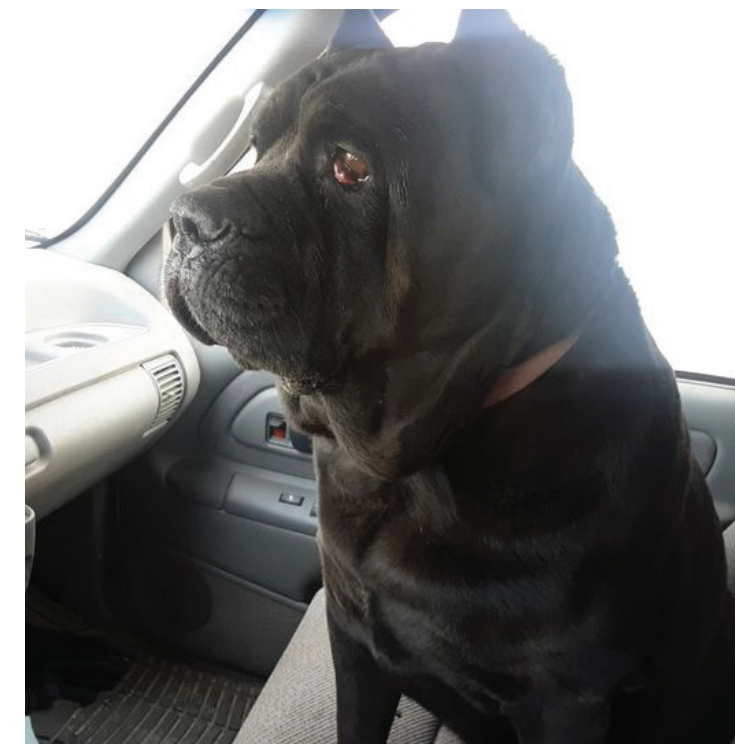


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