

*Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission*  
*Resolution – 16-01*  
*Regarding Introduction/Reintroduction of Wolves*

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WHEREAS, the former Colorado Wildlife Commission adopted two resolutions regarding the active introduction/reintroduction of wolves to Colorado (dated January 1982 and September 15, 1989), and

WHEREAS, Colorado is not part of the historic range of the Mexican wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*); the historical range of this subspecies of the gray wolf is restricted to Mexico and the southwestern United States, and

WHEREAS, reintroduced gray wolf (*C. l. occidentalis*) populations in the northern Rocky Mountains have expanded in numbers and distribution, and have exceeded recovery goals, and

WHEREAS, existing federal recovery plans for Mexican and gray wolves do not include efforts to introduce/reintroduce or actively establish wolf populations within Colorado, and

WHEREAS, the Commission accepted the 70 recommendations in the 2004 Wolf Management Working Group report which describes how wolves will be managed and tolerated throughout the state, once management authority is returned to the state, and includes

- accepting a wolf presence in Colorado with conditions
- urging that wolves migrating into Colorado be allowed to live with “no boundaries” where they find habitat
- advocating that wolves be left wherever found, provided they are not causing problems
- taking measures to avoid conflicts through non-lethal methods if possible and if wolves cause problems, manage to resolve the problems,
- recommending that funding for wolf management come from sources other than hunting license sales, and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has invested millions of dollars to manage diverse wildlife resources, including big game populations that support a significant recreational economy, and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado’s livestock ranching industry is of considerable importance to the state’s economy, and

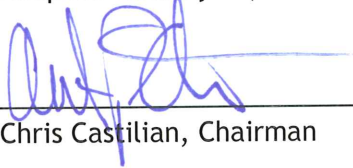
WHEREAS, any introduction or reintroduction of wolves into Colorado is in potential conflict with the State’s livestock industry and current big game management efforts,

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission affirms its support of the Wolf Working Group's recommendations adopted by the Wildlife Commission in May 2005, opposes the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado, recommends that Mexican wolf recovery efforts be confined to the subspecies' historic range, and emphasizes the importance of bi-national recovery planning with Mexico.

Adopted January 13, 2016



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Chris Castilian, Chairman

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
Resolution 22-01  
Regarding the Reintroduction and Management of Gray Wolves in Colorado

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WHEREAS, the voters of Colorado approved Proposition 114, the Reintroduction and Management of Gray Wolves, on November 3, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 114 requires the Commission to develop a plan to restore and manage gray wolves and take the steps necessary to begin reintroduction of gray wolves by December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's resolution 16-01 regarding the introduction/reintroduction of wolves adopted in January 2016 opposes the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 resolution's position on intentional wolf reintroduction is in conflict with Proposition 114, now C.R.S. 33-2-105.8,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission declares that portion of Resolution 16-01 opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado null and void.

Adopted June X, 2022

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Carrie Besnette Hauser, Chair