

CPW Wolf Restoration and Management Plan: Finalization and Public Engagement



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Commission's Role

- Develop a plan to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado, using the best scientific data available
- Hold statewide hearings to acquire information to be considered in developing such plan, including scientific, economic, and social considerations pertaining to such restoration



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Presentation of the Draft Plan, Dec 9, 2022

- On Dec 9th, CPW staff will walk through the draft Plan in detail
 - Virtual meeting streamed to YouTube
 - No oral public comment at this meeting
- Comment form open Dec 9, 2022 - Feb 22, 2023



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Statewide Hearings, Jan 19-Feb 22, 2023

- 4 in-person hearings, 1 virtual
 - January 19, 2023 - Colorado Springs - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - January 25, 2023 - Gunnison - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 - February 7, 2023 - Rifle - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 - February 16, 2023 - Virtual via Zoom - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 - February 22, 2023 - Denver - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- All hearings will have the same format
 - 2 hours for public comment, up to 40 people
 - Priority to elected officials, Colorado residents and new speakers
- Final hearing on Feb 22: Clear guidance from the Commission about any changes to bring back in April's final draft Plan



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Final Draft Plan and Regulations (Step 1 of 2), April 6, 2022

- CPW staff present the final draft Plan and associated regulations (step 1 of 2)
- Public comment



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Tribal Engagement, Ongoing

- As requested, CPW will continue meeting with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes about plan finalization and organize meetings with them.



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Approval of Final Plan and Regulations (Step 2 of 2), May 3-4, 2023

- Commissioners vote on approval of the final Plan and associated regulations
- The approved plan will be used for wolf restoration and management in Colorado
- Because of the Federal Endangered Status, the US Fish and Wildlife Service is an important partner in this effort.
 - All management of wolves in Colorado will be done in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations



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