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PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES
February 22, 2023

A hybrid meeting of the Parks and Wildlife Commission convened at 8:30am on February 22nd, 2023 in Brighton, CO and via Zoom

Chair	Carrie Besnette Hauser
Vice Chair	Dallas May
Secretary	Marie Haskett
	Taishya Adams
	Karen Bailey
	Betsy Blecha
	Gabriel Otero
	Duke Phillips, IV
	Richard Reading
	James Jay Tuthton
	Eden Vardy

Parks and Wildlife Commission Roll Call Attendance Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023:

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Adams - Present
Bailey - Present
Blecha - Present
Haskett - Present
Besnette Hauser - Present
May - Present
Otero - Present
Phillips - Present
Reading - Present
Tuthton - Present
Vardy - Present

Acting Director Heather Dugan and Staff.


Others in attendance were: Jake Matter, Lisa Reynolds, Wayne East, and others, as recorded in the requests to speak.

Although no formal votes were taken, the Commission established consensus and provided guidance on the Wolf Plan to Division staff through the use of green, red and yellow paddles. Among other things, the Commission came to a consensus that the plan should be revised to state "At some point in the future, the long term management of wolves in Colorado may need to be considered further than what is outlined in this plan. These discussions would only occur after wolves have successfully been recovered and removed from the State Threatened and Endangered list. The long-term management of wolves should be impact- and science-based, with consideration of biological and social science as well as economic and legal considerations. CPW will defer consideration of and development of specifics for long-term management until the beginning of Phase 3 at the earliest, when better information about wolves and their distribution in Colorado is available. Future management will be guided by the best available biological and social science data provided by CPW.

This plan takes no position as to whether the Parks and Wildlife Commission has the statutory authority to reclassify wolves as a game species or take other appropriate management actions."

The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting adjourned at 3:12pm on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

, Secretary
Marie Haskett
Parks and Wildlife Commission

APPROVED:


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Carrie Besnette Hauser
Parks and Wildlife Commission