

CPW Wolf Plan Update



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Colorado Revised Statute 33-2-105.8

The Commission shall...

- Restore wolves west of the Continental Divide
- Develop methodology for determining when the gray wolf is sustaining itself
- Resolve conflicts with those involved in ranching and farming
- Take steps necessary to begin reintroductions by December 31, 2023



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CPW Plan Development Timeline

- Draft presented to Parks and Wildlife Commission December 2022
- Meetings in Jan/Feb 2023
 - 5 public meetings
- February 22nd-
 - PWC direction to staff on revisions to the plan.



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CPW Plan Development Timeline

- 2-step Final Plan Approval and Regulations Process
 - Step 1 - April 2023
 - Step 2 - May 2023
- Ensures ability to meet statutory deadline of December 31, 2023



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Animal Capture



- 30-50 wolves total
- 3-5 year timeframe
- Northern Rockies states
- 10-15 animals/year

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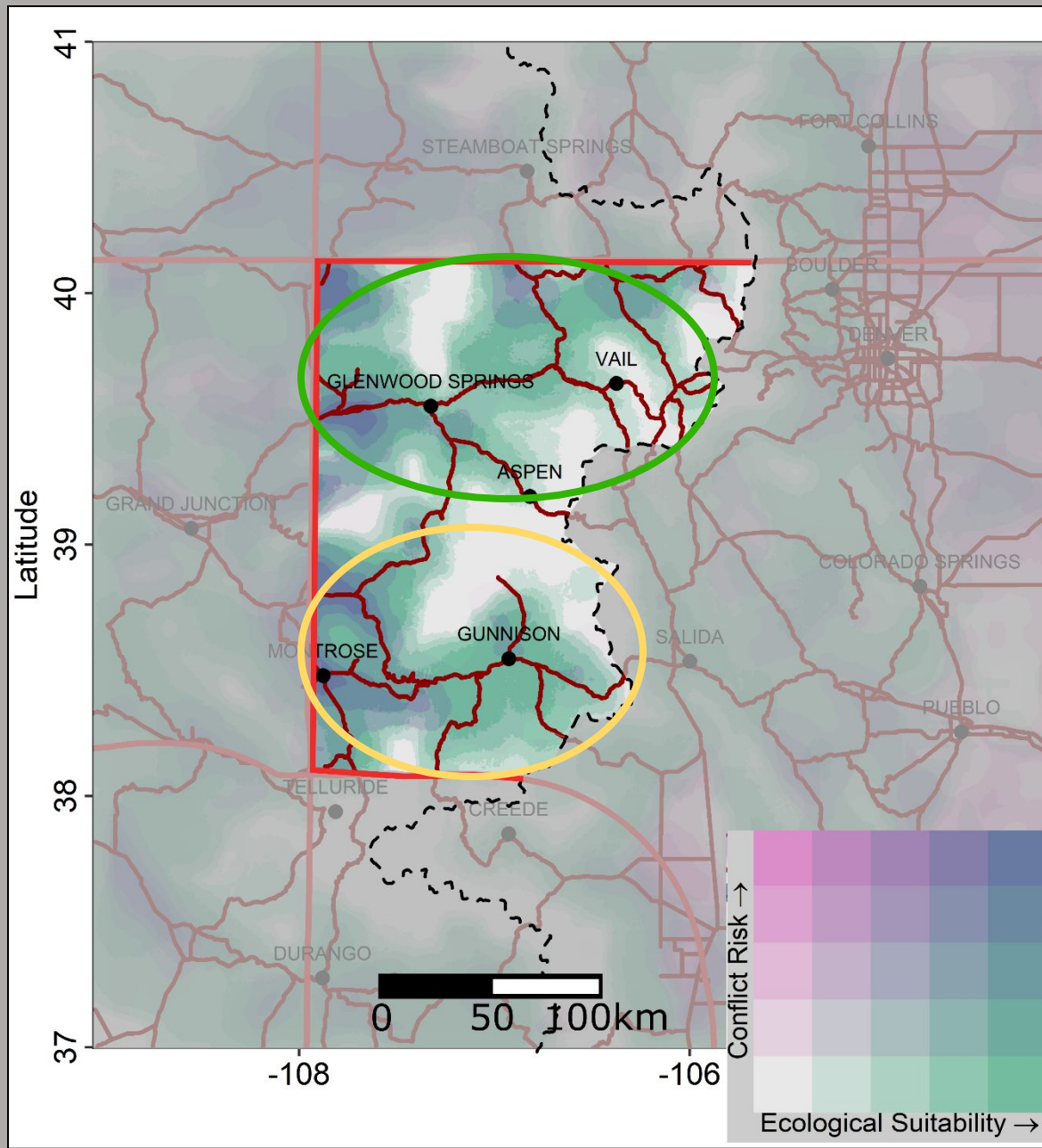
Reintroduction

- Hard releases
- Winter months
- GPS collars

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Lethal Management

- Socially contentious
- Small scales
- Not a threat to long-term viability
- Technical Working Group support



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CPW Draft Conflict Minimization and Compensation Program



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CRS 33-2-105.8 2 (e)(I):

“Assist owners of livestock in preventing and resolving conflicts between gray wolves and livestock.”



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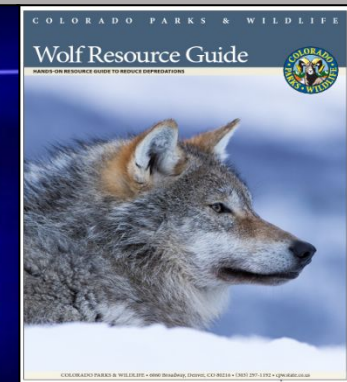
Draft Conflict Minimization Program

CPW will provide “temporary conflict minimization materials”.

- Fladry, fox lights, cracker shells, propane cannons.

CPW will provide conflict minimization “outreach/training”.

- CPW Wolf Conflict Coordinator position.



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CRS 33-2-105.8 2 (e)(II):

“Pay fair compensation to owners of livestock for any losses of livestock caused by gray wolves, as verified pursuant to the claim procedures authorized by sections 33-3-107 to 33-3-110.”



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Draft Compensation Program

Basic Principles:

- Conflict minimization techniques are not required for compensation but are encouraged/incentivized.
- Depredation confirmations will be made by CPW and based on a “preponderance of evidence” (*PWC W-17, #1740.A*).
- Compensation for wolf damages will be reduced by amount of other financial support awarded.
- Program can provide compensation for direct and indirect losses.



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Base Compensation

Confirmed death of livestock (33-2-105.8) & guard/herding animals:

- 100% fair market value (FMV) compensation, up to \$15k per animal.
- Livestock defined as cattle, horses, mules, burros, sheep, lambs, swine, llama and goats.

Veterinarian costs for *injured livestock or guard/herding animals*:

- Up to 100% FMV of the animal, not to exceed \$15k per animal limit.

After a confirmed depredation (injury or death) to sheep or cattle, livestock owner can choose between additional options.



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Compensation Options

1. Basic Compensation Ratio Option:

- Only applies to calves/yearling cattle/sheep.
- Addresses missing calf/yearling/sheep losses, in larger open range settings.
- More simplified process.

OR:

2. Itemized Production Losses:

- Only applies to cattle/sheep.
 - Addresses missing calves/yearlings/sheep, decreased weaning weights, decreased conception rates, additional losses on a case-by-case basis.
- Requires additional/specific baseline documentation.



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Questions?

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