

RESOLUTION No. 2020-2

A Resolution concerning Wolf Management in Colorado

WHEREAS, Mineral County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreation opportunities, especially, hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing and hunting and wildlife watching, as well as other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, these outdoor recreational activities and livestock production are two of the primary components of the Colorado economy, and are a major contributor to the economic and social wellbeing of Mineral County; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the majestic wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Colorado should not invite, encourage or accept; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the negative economic and social impacts of wolf reintroduction, wolves pose a danger to the physical health of household pets and people due to predation and the transmission of diseases; and

WHEREAS, ongoing private efforts to reintroduce wolves into Colorado are unnecessary based upon the scientific input from the federal and state agencies tasked with managing wildlife populations; and

WHEREAS, gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded recovery goals, Colorado is not part of the historic range of the Mexican wolf, and existing federal wolf recovery efforts do not include establishing populations of either the gray wolf or the Mexican wolf in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed Resolution 16-01 opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Colorado:

- A. The Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Colorado; and
- B. The Board supports the recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005 as well as the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-1; and
- C. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow Management of wolves at the state and local levels (Mineral County Resolution 2018-07); and

- D. The Board requests ^hat any federal or state wolf management plans include funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting and other adversely affected sectors of local economies; and
- E. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balanced discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters and public health officials.

The forgoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Colorado held on the 6 day of January, 2020 at the Mineral County Courthouse, Creede, Colorado, upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Lamb and approve on a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against.

ATTEST:


Mineral County Clerk and Recorder


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