



Resolution No. 2020- 04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BACA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING WOLF  
MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, Baca County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, especially hiking; biking; and hunting deer, antelope, and elk populations 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 major contributor to the economic and social well being of Baca County; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition to the negative economic and social impacts of work 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

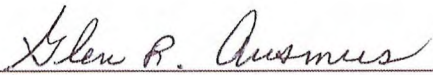
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Baca County Commissioners:

- A. Opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Colorado; and
- B. Supports the recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005; and
- C. Supports the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-1; and
- D. Supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow management of wolves at the state and local levels; and

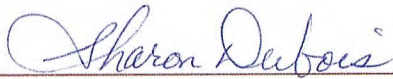
- E. Requests that any federal or state wolf management plans include funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting, and other adversely affected sectors of local economies; and
- F. Supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored 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.

MOVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020

Board of County Commissioners  
Baca County, Colorado

  
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Glen R. Ausmus  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Dubois  
County Clerk

