

Colorado Wolf Introduction Process Needs YOUR Input

With Proposition 114 narrowly passing in November, you may be asking “how can I make a difference at this point?” NOW is your opportunity to help hold the State accountable to following through on the actual language of the ballot initiative. Per the ballot initiative, the State is required to, “HOLD STATEWIDE HEARINGS TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING SUCH PLAN, INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH RESTORATION.”

However, there is an effort to fast track the introduction of wolves and it is critical that you speak up, speak up loudly, and speak up often. Decision makers need to hear from those most impacted by the introduction of wolves on the western slope. Every person in Rio Blanco County has the opportunity to have their say.

Here is your first important opportunity/responsibility! The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission will be meeting on January 13 & 14. You can send written comments and/or provide public comment during the virtual meeting. No matter how you feel about wolves being introduced into the State, you are encouraged to request they remain true to the process spelled out in the ballot initiative that will ensure the Western Slope citizens are heard. It is critical that they listen to those that will be most impacted and the only way to do that is to have hearings in rural Colorado, not just zoom meetings or negotiations by a few “stakeholders”.

Visit www.whiterivercd.com/wolves or scan the below zapcode for a copy of the ballot initiative, CPW leadership and Commission contacts, Commission meeting information, and how to “find my legislator”.

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