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RESOLUTION NO. 7 - 2019

**WOLF MANAGAMENT IN MONTEZUMA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Montezuma County, State of Colorado is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Colorado for which the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to act in the interest of health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Montezuma County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, especially viewing, photographing and hunting the Western Slope's large population of deer, elk and moose; and

WHEREAS, the livestock industry and big game hunting are two of the primary components of the economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Montezuma County; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Montezuma County should not encourage or condone; and

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

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

WHEREAS, efforts to introduce the gray wolf to 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:**

1. This Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Colorado.
2. The Board supports recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005.
3. The Board supports the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-01.

