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Hi All,

Thanks Robin, and Thank You Scott for updating that slide that I was looking at.

I want to be able to make comments on this that help make sure we are out in front of a bad wolf situation. Hopefully that is something that will take some time in this process before it becomes a problem. I am mainly thinking of a situation where a rancher goes out to check calves and there are wolves attacking livestock. A permit should be in place with that rancher so they can take care of that caught in the act situation.

I guess the one question I have for the CPW personnel would be: Does an individual need that permit, or can a ranch operation have a permit to cover this kind of situation? Like all of this process I would think there would be guidelines or documentation that goes with the permit on what is needed for proof of the so called "Caught in the Act" situation.

Again, I hope this kind of issue is way down the road in this reintroduction process. All of us on the West Slope; Federal, State, and Private Ranchers, are all caught in this political process of managing wildlife. I hope we can all work together to get through it for the benefit of all of us.

Thanks again for the presentations and information to help make informed comments.

John

From: Young,Robin [mailto:Robin.Young@colostate.edu]
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Subject: RE: Special Wolf Meeting for Ranchers

Good morning John and Eric,

I've attached Scott Becker's updated presentation. He said there was a slight mistake on slide 9 that he corrected.

I've also CC 'ed the presenters from yesterday so they can read your comments, they are on the 3rd e-mail down. Thanks for the feedback, John. I think the producers appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and hear information they need to formulate concise input to the plan.

And to all the speakers, THANK YOU! You do a great job of giving the information that impacts the people directly affected in a way that they walk away with a better understanding of the process. You all have done a tremendous amount of work with more to come. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you. The collaborative efforts really make a difference for us all.

Best,
Robin

From: John Scott <scottrms@gunnison.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:54 AM

To: McPhail, Eric <Eric.McPhail@ColoState.EDU>; Young, Robin <Robin.Young@colostate.edu>

Subject: RE: Special Wolf Meeting for Ranchers

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Thanks Eric,

These are the 2 slides I wanted to compare from those presentations. I was glad that Brandon pointed out that the law has in it that a permit is required to be able to defend your livestock. I think it is imperative that the FWS 10J Rule gets implemented so that everyone has more tools available to utilize as this reintroduction moves forward. The State definitely needs to work with livestock producers in a proactive way so that permits are easy to obtain up front as wolves move into an area. Ranchers need the ability to stop a few problem wolves before they start killing livestock and not let it go too far before being controlled.

I agree about funding and they ought to look at the map of the counties that passed this ballot initiative and have them help to fund the extra staff it will take to implement it. Maybe then wildlife will not be managed through politics.

As always great to visit yesterday.

Thanks,

John

From: McPhail, Eric [<mailto:Eric.McPhail@ColoState.EDU>]

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 6:30 PM

To: John Scott; Young, Robin

Subject: Re: Special Wolf Meeting for Ranchers

John, it is always a pleasure having you and your perspective. Thanks for the kind words and support today. I'll let Robin pass along your appreciation to the other presenters as she has all their emails. But thank you!

From my view, here we go again, and it's going to take the village to figure out our collaboration for success. I did get the same feeling today that we're all in this together and appreciative of each other and our challenges. However, I'm really concerned about Brandon's statement that "for CPW this is a big lift", as I think that was an understatement at best. The tax on their organization for staffing, research, education, compensation, conflict mitigation, etc. is going to be way more than they can comprehend with their limited budget. The best would be to hope for a line item in the state's general fund. Also, I'd love to see the CDA get a lot more involved sooner than later, especially with the compensation documentation pieces.

Since you personally asked today for the 10J presentation, I'm going to attach the 2 presentations from today in pdf format. The WLA one is too big, so unless you want that one, I won't attach. I think the presenters are fine with this, but I'm not going to send to everyone.

Thanks again for attending **and** driving me around teaching me about grasses back in 2006 when I started eric

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Subject: RE: Special Wolf Meeting for Ranchers

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Hi Eric and Robin,

Thank you for helping to set up this meeting. I had not really looked that closely at the Wolf Reintroduction Plan and so much of this was new to me. Having worked for NRCS for many years and with the different agencies over that time I had a feel for what the task at hand was.

I did not pick up an evaluation form, but wanted to let you know that I left there today with a much

better understanding of the process and where this is all headed. I felt like the presenters all did a great job of letting the group know that this will be a collaborative job on everyone's part to work through this. I had a true feeling that the presenters tried to relate that they are on the side of the livestock producer and want their feedback and involvement in getting through what has been thrust upon the West Slope of Colorado.

Please let all the presenters know that I felt they did a great job and were very encouraging of the group getting their comments into the Wildlife Commission to make this work better for everyone involved.

Thanks again for all your work on this meeting.

John

From: McPhail, Eric [<mailto:Eric.McPhail@ColoState.EDU>]

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2023 8:35 AM

To: McPhail, Eric

Cc: Young, Robin

Subject: Special Wolf Meeting for Ranchers

All, the Stockgrowers and CSU Extension are having a workshop specially intended for all ranchers to discuss and learn about the wolf reintroduction. It will be this Monday Jan. 9th at the Gunnison Fairgrounds 9am-noon. Attached is the flyer of the event. If you can't attend in person and want to zoom in, there is a link on the flyer to register and get a link to attend virtually. Please consider, thanks, eric

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