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**To:** [Broderdorp, Kurt](#); [Hansen, Craig](#); [Becker, Scott A](#)  
**Cc:** [Nelson, Marjorie \(Marj\)](#); [Toivonen, Lauren K](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Colorado Gray Wolf and Section 10(j) of the ESA  
**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:25:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [Gray Wolf 10\(j\) Colorado Public Radio Media Inquiry 2.16.23.docx](#)

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I'm meeting with a Scott this afternoon and we'll look at the response. Anyone else chime in if you see something you'd want to make sure is included.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Zorrilla, Adriana" <[adriana\\_zorrilla@fws.gov](mailto:adriana_zorrilla@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** February 16, 2023 at 10:45:55 AM MST  
**To:** "Alt, Nicole" <[Nicole\\_Alt@fws.gov](mailto:Nicole_Alt@fws.gov)>  
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Nicole,

Per my prior email, HQs send the CPR media inquiry back to us. Please see attached the media inquiry **form** with a proposed response for your review. The response comes from the press release and approved Q&A. Please revise and edits as needed.

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**From:** Armstrong, Karen <[karen\\_armstrong@fws.gov](mailto:karen_armstrong@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:38 AM  
**To:** Zorrilla, Adriana <[adriana\\_zorrilla@fws.gov](mailto:adriana_zorrilla@fws.gov)>; Kauffman, Vanessa <[vanessa\\_kauffman@fws.gov](mailto:vanessa_kauffman@fws.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Colorado Gray Wolf and Section 10(j) of the ESA

Hi Adriana -

Vanessa is on leave today and tomorrow (her mother's funeral is today). Could you please work with your subject matter expert (Nicole Alt) on a proposed response and then send up to us using the media inquiry form. Thanks!

Karen

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 11:19 AM

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Vanessa,

Good morning. We got an inquiry from Colorado Public Radio this morning. The reporter wants to know what "management flexibility" means when it comes to Section 10(j) of the ESA.

Reporter: Caitlyn Kim

Email: [Ckim@cpr.org](mailto:Ckim@cpr.org)

Deadline: TBD

Please let me know if you want me to handle it from here.

Adriana Zorrilla

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**From:** Caitlyn Kim <[usfws@fws.gov](mailto:usfws@fws.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 7:48 AM

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**Subject:** Colorado Gray Wolf and Section 10(j) of the ESA

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**Your name**

Caitlyn Kim

**Your email address**

[Ckim@cpr.org](mailto:Ckim@cpr.org)

**Subject**

Colorado Gray Wolf and Section 10(j) of the ESA

**Message**

Hi,

I'm a reporter with Colorado Public Radio. I'm just trying to get a better idea of what "management flexibility" means when it comes to Section 10(j) of the ESA.

Thanks,  
Caitlyn

**Http Referer**

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Submitted from Adriana Zorrilla

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## Media Inquiry Template

### Colorado Gray Wolf and Section 10(j) of the ESA

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#### Media Response / Media Interview Request

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**Reporter:** Caitlyn Kim, seasoned journalist, covers government and politics.

[Caitlyn Kim | Colorado Public Radio \(cpr.org\)](https://www.cpr.org/)

**Outlet:** Colorado Public Radio

**Subject:** The reporter wants more information on what "management flexibility" means when it comes to Section 10(j) of the ESA.

**Deadline:** COB today, February 16, 2023

**Spokesperson:** Nicole Alt

**Additional information/Driver for request:** ES R6 rollout the Public invited to comment on draft rule and DEIS for proposed Colorado gray wolf experimental population designation. State intends to reintroduce the species in a portion of its historical range, responding to statewide voter-led initiative.

#### Proposed response:

The Service uses a range of partnerships and conservation tools to recover endangered and threatened species. Section 10(j) of the ESA allows the Service to designate a population of a listed species as experimental if it will be released into habitat outside the species' current range. A 10(j) rule would help CPW manage the potential impacts of gray wolf reintroduction to stakeholders while ensuring that the reintroduction and management of wolves is likely to be successful and contribute to conservation of the species

#### What management flexibilities are proposed in this 10(j) experimental population designation?

In the proposed rule available for public review and comment January 17, 2023, through April 18, 2023, the Service has proposed establishing a nonessential experimental population of gray wolves, which would provide additional management measures for CPW and Tribes to address potential conflicts between wolves and humans, and wolves and domestic animals.

Management of the proposed nonessential experimental population would allow reintroduced wolves to be hazed, removed, or relocated by CPW, Tribes, or designated agent(s) for domestic animal depredations. Under special conditions and reporting requirements, the public could harass or remove wolves attacking livestock or dogs.

Extensive details about the proposed conditions and requirements for the take of reintroduced wolves are available in the draft rule for review on the [Colorado gray wolf webpage](#). Other resources: [Learn more about 10\(j\) rules and experimental populations](#).