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Parks and Wildlife

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Dear Mr. Hogan:

I am writing to make a formal request that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Region 6 Office, and the USFWS Lakewood Ecological Services Office initiate the rule making process to establish an "Experimental, Non-essential" designation for wolves (*Canis lupus*) in the State of Colorado under Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act.

As you are aware, in November 2020, Colorado voters passed initiative 114, which is now state statute. This statute (CRS 33-2-105.8) directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan, and to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado no later than December 31, 2023. With wolves listed as Federally Endangered under the Endangered Species Act, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has determined that it is appropriate to establish a 10(j) designation in order to provide management flexibility for this species.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Reid DeWalt, Assistant Director of Aquatic, Terrestrial and Natural Resources at reid.dewalt@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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