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Jacob put this together before his detail ended. Sorry for not sharing it sooner.

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Hi Nicole,

Attached is the summary related to the Southern Ute and Navajo comment letters. Would you like me to also upload this to the team site?

Thank you,  
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## Tribal Comment Summaries related to the Proposed Colorado 10(j) Rule

### **Southern Ute**

- Letter refers to all land under Southern Ute Tribal jurisdiction including reservation land and the Brunot Area.
- Supportive of the proposed 10(j) rule for the following reasons:
  - Allows for take “in the act of attacking” livestock without prior authorization
  - “in the act of attacking” allows for the taking of a wolf in defense of a pet dog
  - Definition of livestock includes bison, pigs, mules, and alpacas
  - Reporting requirements allow for 7 days to report opportunistic or intentional harassment.
- Concerns include negative impacts to:
  - Big game hunting
- Requests:
  - Take be allowable for unacceptable impacts to ungulate populations.
  - FWS removal of problem wolves from Tribal lands upon request.
  - FWS should have ultimate authority over the initial release of gray wolves
    - Release sites should include a maximum buffer from tribal interests.
    - Limit release sites to areas north of Interstate 70 to prevent potential interactions with Mexican wolves.
  - 10(j) boundary should extend beyond Colorado to provide management flexibility to Tribes in neighboring States.

### **Navajo**

- Letter refers to all Navajo Nation lands including Tribal Trust lands and satellite area in Colorado (Wolf Spring Ranch).
- Concerns include negative impacts to:
  - Big game hunting
  - Herding cattle and sheep
  - Traditional Navajo lifestyle
  - Public Safety
- Requests:
  - Creation of a Colorado Wolf Management Group (including CPW, impacted Tribes, and other impacted stakeholders) to improve communication related to the reintroduction and management of wolves in Colorado.
  - GPS collaring of 100% of wolves to allow for identification and removal of wolves which cross onto Navajo land.
  - Removal of all wolves that cross onto Navajo land at no charge to the Tribe.