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Good Morning Everyone, please find revised ppt for your review. Thanks



FINAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION RULE FOR THE STATE LED GRAY WOLF REINTRODUCTION IN COLORADO

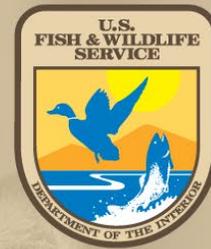
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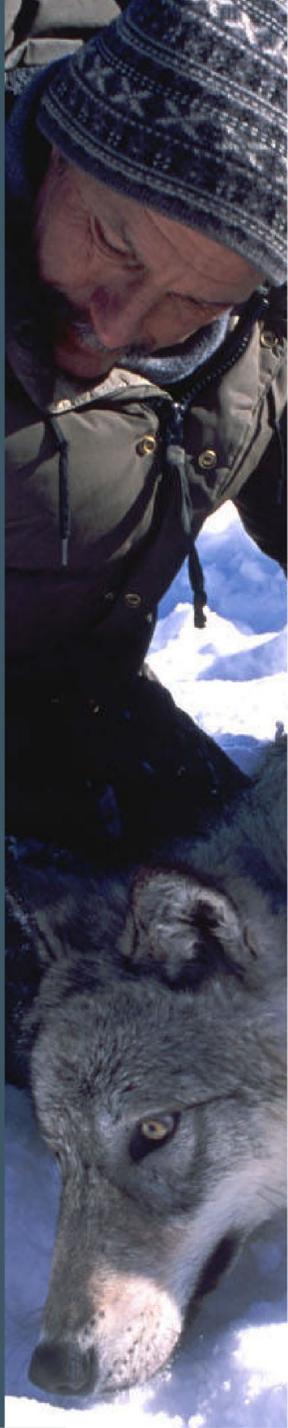
BRIEFING OVERVIEW

Final experimental population

- Background
- Proposed Rule
- Final Regulations
- Economic Analysis
- Timeline



**BACKGROUND –
STATE LED
REINTRODUCTION**



Colorado voters approved wolf reintroduction. Now State law.

Colorado is required to reintroduce wolves by December 31, 2023.

State requested an experimental population rule.

Final state plan completed May 3, 2023.

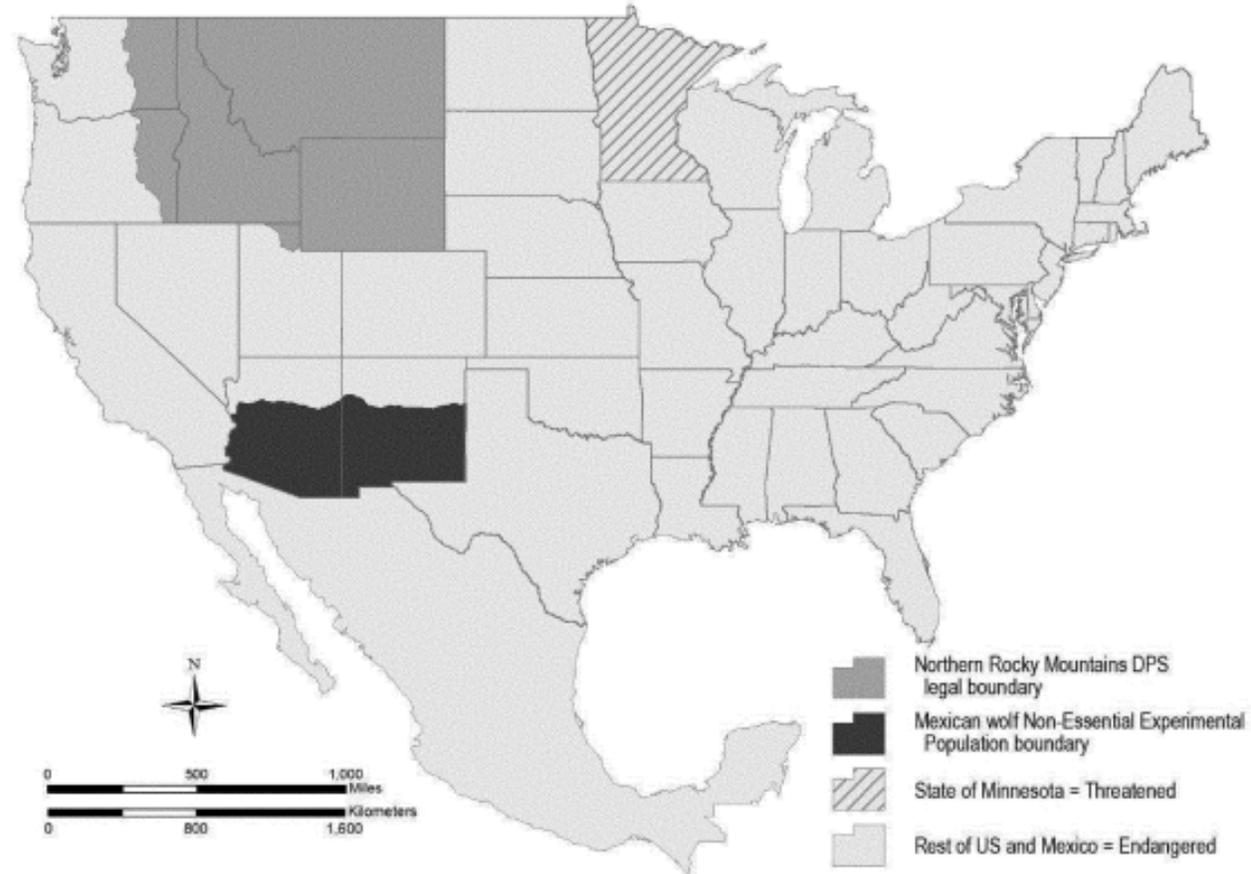
State on schedule to reintroduce wolves by the end of 2023.





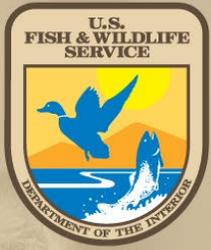
CURRENT LISTED ENTITY – LOWER 44

COLORADO EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION IS OF THIS ENTITY



PREVIOUS ACTION

- Notice of intent to prepare an EIS published on July 21, 2022.
- OIRA briefing on our proposed rule and draft EIS on November 4, 2022.
- On November 7, 2022, OIRA determined that our proposed rule was not significant under E.O. 12866.
- Proposed rule and the notice of availability for the draft EIS published on February 17, 2023, which opened a 60-day public comment period.



COOPERATING AGENCIES

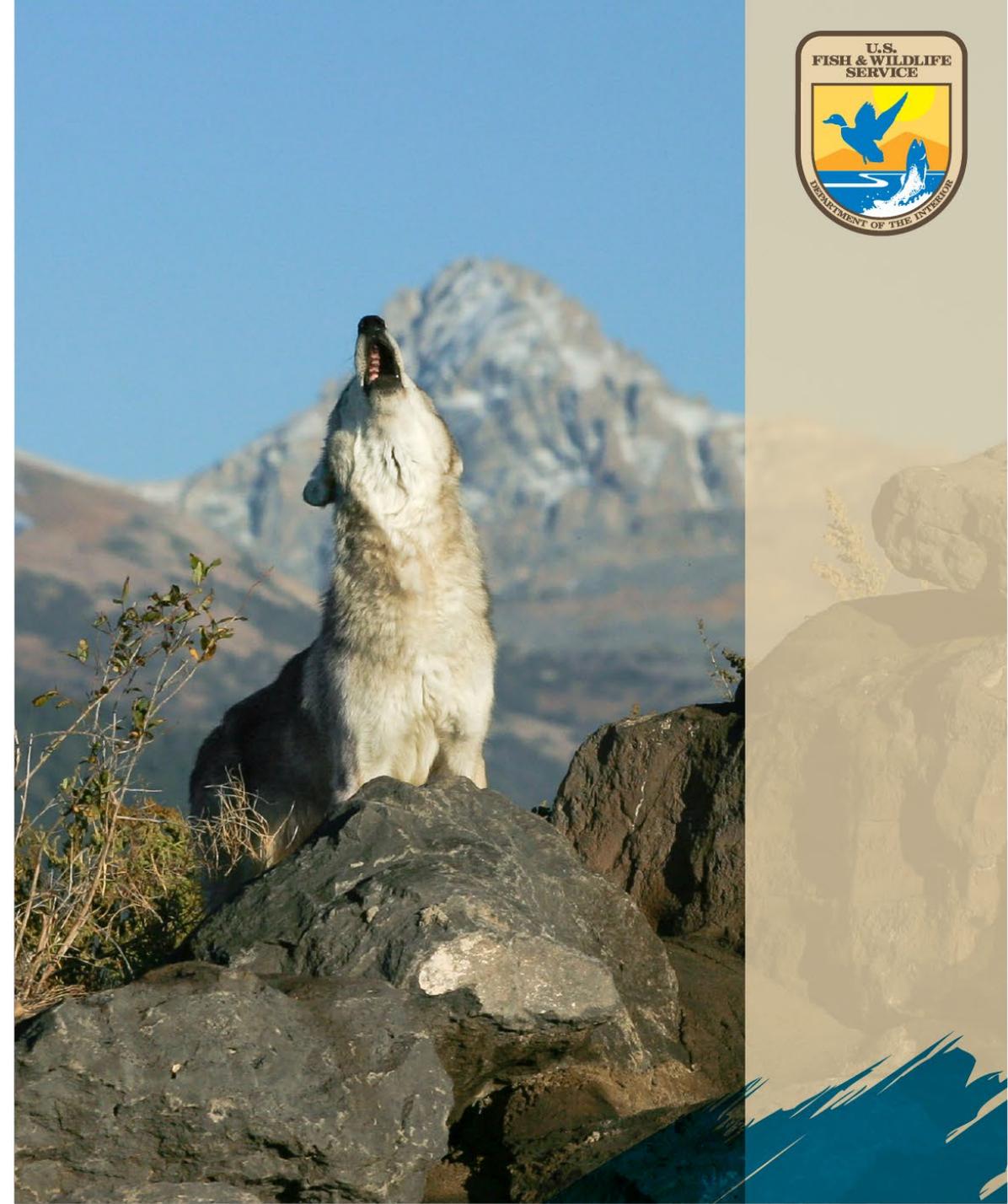
Federal: Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services

Tribes: Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute

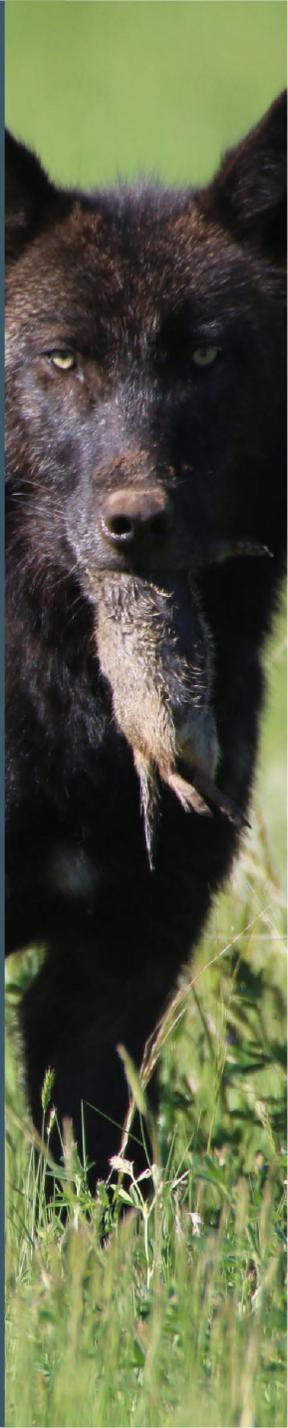
State: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Game and Fish, Utah Department of Wildlife, Arizona Game and Fish, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Counties: Delores, Delta, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Rio Blanco

Conservation Districts: White River and Douglas Creek



PUBLIC COMMENTS



Impacts to undulates

- Include Undulate Provision for Tribal Lands

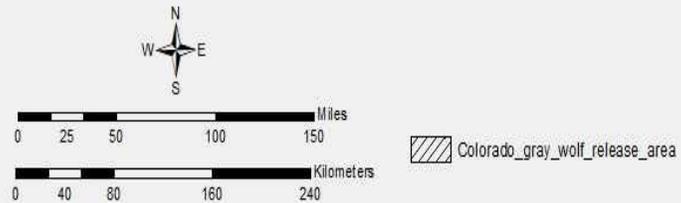
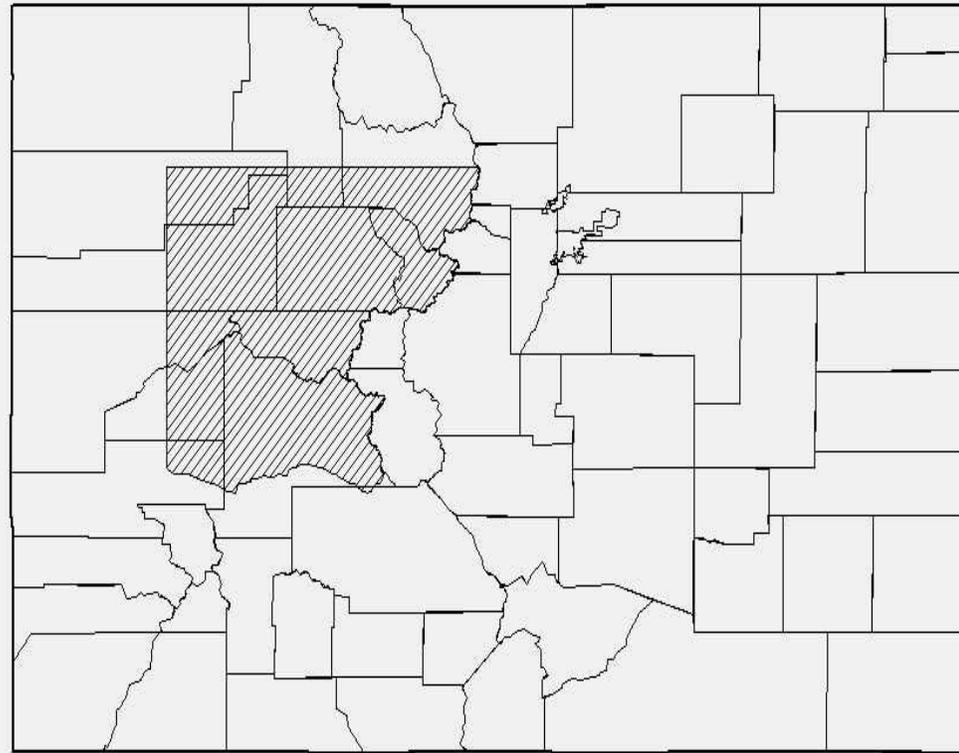
Mexican wolf

- Partnering with States of Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona and Mexican Wolf Recovery Program
- Scientific collection permit
- Return wolves to Colorado

Other comments worth noting??

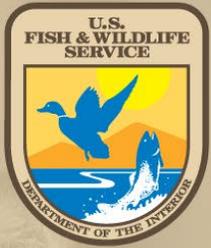


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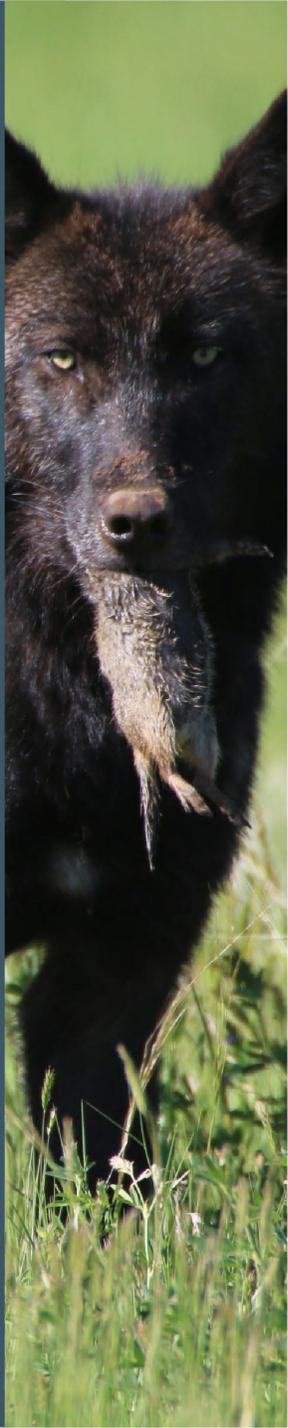


FINAL SECTION 10(j) RULE OVERVIEW

- Donor populations from the delisted states
- Approximately 30-45 wolves
- Habitat suitability in Colorado
- Similar efforts have been successful
- Take prohibitions like previous 10(j) rules
- Authorizes Colorado and tribes to manage, including a tribal undulate provision



FINAL SECTION 10(j) RULE OVERVIEW



Non-lethal take

- Non-injurious harassment
- Non-lethal injurious harassment

Lethal take

- Self defense
- Defense of human life and safety
- Repeated depredations
- Caught in the act attacking livestock

State process and recommendations track previous 10(j)



SIGNIFICANCE RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

Considerations

- Economics
- Other agencies
- Grants
- Novelty



State led reintroduction

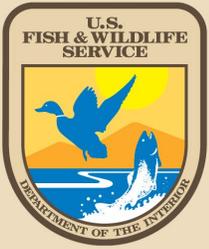
Effects of the rulemaking analyzed in the Final EIS

- Livestock
- Big game hunting
- Mexican wolf recovery

No action alternative has highest economic impacts to livestock industry (\$229,419.91 and \$98,399.92 annually)

Preferred alternative, 10(j) rule costs, far less than no action

Cumulatively, expect economic impacts to be similar or less than Mexican wolf



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Collaboration with federal agencies
in Colorado

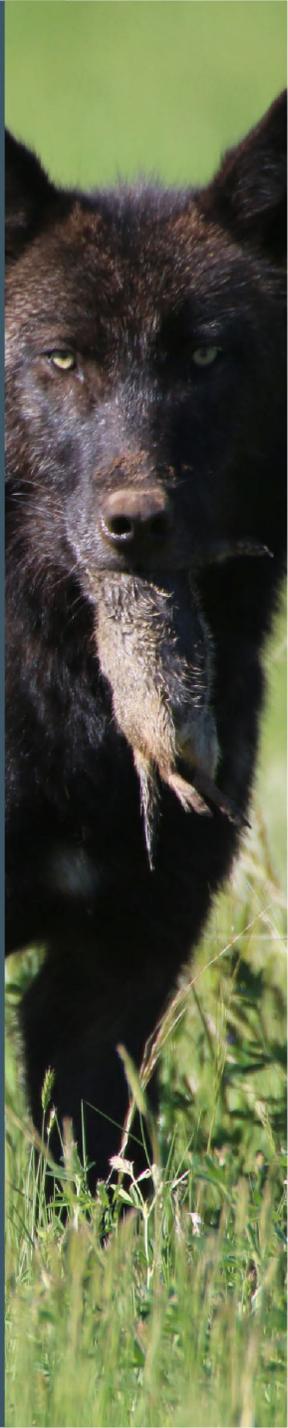
Minimal impacts to other agencies
Colorado wolf treated as
nonessential in 10(j) rule

10(j) rules part of ESA
implementation and not novel

Stakeholder involvement including
Cooperating Agencies



NEXT STEPS



- Accelerated timeline
- Final Rule must become effective by December 15, 2023
- Final Rule must publish November 15, 2023
- Final ROD must be signed by November 8, 2023
- NOA for draft ROD and FEIS must publish by October 6, 2023





QUESTIONS?

