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Kelly Susewind, Director
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Dear Director Susewind,

My name is Jeff Davis and I became the Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife on May 1st of this year. Prior to joining CPW, I spent over 20-years working in various positions within the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, with my most recent position being the Director of Conservation Policy. I consider it a great professional honor to be able to work with, and learn from you and our collective teams moving forward.

In November 2020, Colorado voters passed Proposition 114, which directed the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop and implement a wolf restoration and management plan for the state of Colorado. By statute, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is mandated to begin the reintroduction of wolves to areas of Colorado, west of the Continental Divide by December 31, 2023.

I am currently reaching out to the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington as these states have been identified as the preferred sources of wolves for our reintroduction effort. Our Wolf Restoration and Management Plan was recently approved by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission on May 3rd. Our plan details that successful wolf reintroduction will involve the transfer of 30 to 50 animals from the northern Rockies states over a period of several years. More specifically, we anticipate translocating 10-15 wolves per year over a period of 3-5 years. How that number gets divided up among source states is still to be determined, but we do not expect one state to be the sole source of wolves. For the states that have both Federally listed and delisted populations, we would only be looking to acquire wolves from the Federally delisted portion of your state.

I recognize that there may be a formal process to request wolves from your respective state. If you are open to it, I would like to begin the discussion to determine if your state would be a willing donor, and if so, embark on the necessary process to secure the arrangement. It should be noted, that my staff and the USFWS are working diligently on the finalization of a 10(j) rule and necessary EIS to establish the population in Colorado as experimental, as we

Jeff Davis, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

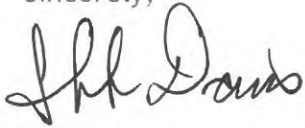
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need maximum flexibility for management of currently Federally endangered wolves in Colorado.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to discussing it with you in greater detail soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "D".

Jeff Davis
Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife