

Question Report

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#	Question	Asker Name	Asker Email	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Name	Answer Email
1	What will USFWS response be if wolves attack any livestock down already from disease, such as BSE? Or, if wolves attack any elk or deer are on leased public lands, whether the animal is diseased or not.. yet, in CO, the odds of the elk or deer being infected with CWD is pretty high! If my questions are not answered on this video, I will submit to the local newspapers.	Debra Taylor	dltaylor52	answered live	3/22/2023 18:35	3/22/2023 19:14	Joe Szuszwalak	joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
2	How are the conflicts between Fed and CPW regs resolved? Sounds like the state plan will supercede USFWS??	Robyn Cascade	northernst	answered live	3/22/2023 18:51	3/22/2023 19:14	Joe Szuszwalak	joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
3	Can you explain how the introduction of wolves in Wyoming has helped the development of sustainable Elk populations.	Phil Blaisdell	phil@philij	answered Colorado Parks and Wildlife is responsibl e for the reintroduc tion of wolves, please reach out to your local CPW office for any potential ability to get involved: https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/pages/ContactUs.aspx	3/22/2023 18:56	3/22/2023 19:14	Joe Szuszwalak	joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
4	What can I do to help support the wolf reintroduction effort in my area (Grand Junction)? Are volunteer opportunities available?	Corey Maas	Coreymaa	spx live	3/22/2023 18:56	3/22/2023 19:36	Joe Szuszwalak	joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
5	What is the likelihood that the 10J rule will be in place prior to the introduction?	Brittany Dixon	Policy@clu	answered live	3/22/2023 19:06	3/22/2023 19:15	Joe Szuszwalak	joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
6	Are specific efforts currently underway to identify an existing population of Grey Wolves in CO?	Phil Blaisdell	phil@philij	answered	3/22/2023 19:09	3/22/2023 19:16	"Lori Fox, WSP"	lori.fox@wsp.com

7	What is the estimated reduction in elk and moose populations in the next 10 years (or other specified timeframe)	SCOTT JOHNSON	srjohnson@	live answered	3/22/2023 19:10	3/22/2023 19:19	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
8	Did you say initial #s a of wolves to be reintroduced nd how those numbers will increase each year? Also, any locations of reintroduction.	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	3/22/2023 19:10	3/22/2023 19:20	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
9	How is population density (of people) taken into account and/or measured for identifying wolf release areas?	Cindy Harder	charder@	live answered	3/22/2023 19:11	3/22/2023 19:20	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
10	How do you address the possibility of wolve hybrids that may have been released into the wild?	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	3/22/2023 19:11	3/22/2023 19:21	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
11	can you explain what would constitute a shoot on site authorization by a citizen? is this form of take present in other 10js	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	3/22/2023 19:11	3/22/2023 19:23	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
12	In regards of lethal take "caught in the act" how does one get a permit that covers that? Does one apply for a permit "in case of" the situation? Or does it happen after the caught in the act happens?	Cindy Harder	charder@	live answered	3/22/2023 19:13	3/22/2023 19:25	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
13	Intolerance of wolves and poaching of wolves rise when the government culls wolves, uses lethal control, and tolerance of wolves does not increase when wolf hunting and trapping is initiated allowing the 10(j) will lead down a path of hunting wolves which goes against the stute which was passed in CO, therefore will you address the fact that killing wolves for predator control is not the best use of science as peer review research presented by Trves, etal, clearly demonstrate that prevention and non-lethal coexistence tools are more effective than lethal control for preventing conflicts between wolves and livestock, and this research suggests suspending lethal control methods that do not have evidence in preventing livestock loss, so my question will you require producers to use non-lethal coexistence strategies as they are shown to be a more effective tool and why would you leran towards allowing permits to kill tules through a 10(j) rule when best science sas not to?	Rhonda Dern	rhondader	live answered	3/22/2023 19:14	3/22/2023 19:28	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
14	If the state plan will supercede the fed 10(j) rule, what is the purpose of the 10(j) rule. Legal requirement? for benefit if wolves go on and off ES list?	Robyn Cascade	northernsc	live answered	3/22/2023 19:17	3/22/2023 19:30	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
15	Has there been discussion on what "additional regulatory restrictions" may include and will it be clearly defined for the final rulemaking?	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	3/22/2023 19:19	3/22/2023 19:34	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
16	Will there be any responsibility on part of livestock operators or pet/working dog owners to take common sense and well established precautions to minimize likelihood of conflicts? Will compliance or lack there of be taken into account when potentially authorizing a lethal take permit?	Karin Mahuna	kmahuna4	live answered	3/22/2023 19:23	3/22/2023 19:30	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

Thanks for your engagement, this is cited and you are also welcome to submit any additional information
<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100->

See research paper Impact of Wolves on Elk Hunting in Montana by Steve Robert Hazen from Montana State University 2012 written in cooperation with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. This paper was to develop a method to analyze the impact of wolves on elk harvest. The results of this study of eleven years of hunting data in three areas of Montana known for its significant wolf populations found “no significant impact upon hunter harvest in three area

17 studied.” from Kathleen Willard kathiwillard kathleen.d0791 3/22/2023 19:23 3/22/2023 19:33 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov

Who will be investigating poaching / illegal killing of wolves? 90% of wolves in Colorado have been killed in last two years - how is this being addressed?

18 addressed? Karin Mahuna kmahuna4 answered 3/22/2023 19:25 3/22/2023 19:35 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

Allowing lethal control of wolves on public lands that belong to wildlife, where there is a legal blinding public trust doctrine and best science says current ecological knowledge indicates that large carnivores are necessary for the maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem function and that human actions cannot replace the ecological role of carnivores. and knowing that livestock has a detrimental effect of wolf habitat on public lands, will you elaborate on how you will protect the habitat for wolves on public lands from livestock, and allow wolves to be able to enrich the biodiversity as is their role as apex carnivores in our ecosystem, and not allow lethal control of wolves on public lands which should be their safe habitat, for them to hunt for their families safely?

19 them to hunt for their families safely? Rhonda Dern rhondader answered 3/22/2023 19:25 3/22/2023 19:39 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

I'm sorry, that doesn't really help answer the question... how does one get a permit pre caught in the act?

20 get a permit pre caught in the act? Cindy Harder charder@ answered 3/22/2023 19:27 3/22/2023 19:38 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

			Comments
21 Are organizations able to submit comments on behalf of members or supporters? The newsletter seemed to indicate these would not be accepted.	Anonymous Attendee	0791	3/22/2023 19:27 3/22/2023 19:29 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
22 Does "resolve the Conflict" by USF&W mean killing the wolf or are there relocation options for the wolf in question?	Phil Blaisdell	phil@philij answered	3/22/2023 19:29 3/22/2023 19:41 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
23 As a follow up, what is the estimated reduction in elk and moose populations in the specific areas they are being released in, specifically the I-70 corridor area mentioned?	SCOTT JOHNSON	srjohnson answered	3/22/2023 19:29 3/22/2023 19:45 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
24 Cindy, the country of Germany, about the size of a quarter of Colorado, and more populated has had over 1000 wolves.. and in Germany, people take hikes into their local forests.. I took my kids in often. never heard any wolves. please read up on it	Debra Taylor	dltaylor52: questions	3/22/2023 19:31 3/22/2023 19:32 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
25 Who might file a lawsuit if 10J rule goes on? I would like to donate.	Debra Taylor	dltaylor52: groups	3/22/2023 19:32 3/22/2023 19:33 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov

Comments are accepted from all members of the public and groups, you can submit comments online (including attachments) at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100-0791>

Thanks for your engagement - however this space is reserved for questions. Please engage with your local wildlife groups

Livestock operators in New Mexico and Northern Rockies have pressured Wildlife Services and others in wildlife management as reported by Intercept and Carter Niemeyer to certify that wolves killed livestock when there was little to no evidence that they were involved.

26 How will this be monitored/addressed in Colorado?

Anonymous Attendee

live

answered 3/22/2023 19:34 3/22/2023 19:46 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

You are always welcome to submit tips to the Office of Law Enforcement: <https://www.fws.gov/program/office-of-law-enforcement/contact->

Will you USFWS act on names submitted from FB sites we monitor

27 when they imply SSS?

Debra Taylor

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3/22/2023 19:36

3/22/2023 19:37 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov

28 check. thanks

Debra Taylor

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3/22/2023 19:37

Rhonda - the US Fish and Wildlife Service does not manage public lands beyond Wildlife Refuges, this question would best be addressed by land managers such as USFS or BLM.

allowing cattle to graze on our public lands has lead to soil destruction, PEER, public employees for environmental responsibility are urging Deb Haaland to address the harmful effects of cattle grazing on public lands. The primary cause of desertification in the west has been livestock grazing, it is irrefutable, grazing on public lands has resulted in soil carbonloss, and at the same time we are seeing lower water holding capacity less root mass , a loss of species, all exacerbated by climate change, therefore cattle grazing should be a major focus of your EIS and their degradation of habitat need for wolves to thrive, so

29 will you please stop the leasing of public lands to livestock producers?

Rhonda Dern

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3/22/2023 19:42 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov

When would you anticipate wolves reaching/migrating to the front

30 range or foothills of Colorado?

Anonymous Attendee

live

answered 3/22/2023 19:42 3/22/2023 19:43 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

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Shelley Smyers

stargazer9 answered live

3/22/2023 19:43 3/22/2023 19:49 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

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32 Do you allow hunting of wolves in wildlife refuges?

Rhonda Dern

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3/22/2023 19:44 3/22/2023 19:45

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Adding a better link for current protections of gray wolves in the US: [https://www.fws.gov/initiative/protectin](https://www.fws.gov/initiative/protecting-wildlife/gray-wolf-recovery-news-and-)

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<p>Can you make a distinction between take regulations as they apply to private lands vs public lands? Many feel that public lands have public values and wolves should not be killed there.</p>	<p>Anonymous Attendee</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 19:47 3/22/2023 19:50 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com</p>
<p>Montana had thousands of cattle gathered and eliminated with Mad Cow {BSE} so I understand that ranhers do not want to see wolves at their door... But, Colorado citizens want to know about how diseases are being managed in the ungulates, and Wolves and Mnt Lions are the better detectors. Would you reconsider their benefits for disease detection, like the YNP Wolf Project has??</p>	<p>Debra Taylor</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 19:49 3/22/2023 19:52 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com</p>
<p>on the USFWS website it seems you allow trapping and hunting, in wildlife refuges, wetland management districts managed by USFWS tahat allow hunting lol</p>	<p>Rhonda Dern Debra Taylor</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 19:51 3/22/2023 19:51 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov 3/22/2023 19:52</p>
<p>Is this powerpoint available online?</p>	<p>Anonymous Attendee</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 19:52 3/22/2023 19:53 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov</p>
<p>Has FWS considered the potential for wolves reducing CWD? When there are repeated predations on livestock in a specific lease area why not switch out that lease permit area rather than kill wolves. As stated previously some areas are more prone to conflict than others.</p>	<p>Norman Bishop Karin Mahuna</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 19:53 3/22/2023 19:54 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com 3/22/2023 19:54 3/22/2023 19:55 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com</p>

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41 See Krumm et al on Cougars and CWD.	Norman Bishop	nabishop30791	3/22/2023 19:55	3/22/2023 19:56	Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
42 Thank you very much	SCOTT JOHNSON	srjohnson6@gmail.com	3/22/2023 19:57		
43 How difficult would it be for an AG producer to receive a take permit	Anonymous Attendee	answered	3/22/2023 19:58	3/22/2023 19:59	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
44 Why would you not consider whether or not livestock is sick when considering response to predation?	Karin Mahuna	kmahuna4	3/22/2023 19:59	3/22/2023 20:00	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
45 Going forward how often will these meetings be?	Allyson Hummer	allywhiteh	3/22/2023 20:00	3/22/2023 20:01	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
46 Will livestock operators be compensated financially for confirmed deprivations?	Anonymous Attendee	answered	3/22/2023 20:01	3/22/2023 20:02	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
47 Will all recordings of all the meetings on the 10j rule be available online, not just this one?	kathiwillard	kathleen.d	3/22/2023 20:02	3/22/2023 20:02	Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov
48 Will the 10j rule limit the amount of wolves that can be released by the state? Is there a requirement for wolves being released a minimum distance from federal land?	Anonymous Attendee	answered	3/22/2023 20:03	3/22/2023 20:05	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
49 How will you address individuals who refuse to try to use conflict minimization strategies?	Karin Mahuna	kmahuna4	3/22/2023 20:08	3/22/2023 20:09	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
50 Does the Service feel that they have clearly articulated what the 10(j) can address vs. what the state plan and restoration process will address? It seems that confusion is rampant.	Anonymous Attendee	answered	3/22/2023 20:09	3/22/2023 20:13	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com
51 Have there ever been documented human fatalities as the result of a wolf / human conflicts?	Anonymous Attendee	answered	3/22/2023 20:09	3/22/2023 20:11	"Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com

Just this one - the other public information meetings were not recorded

the majority of producers in the SAG meetings I attended said dont tell us we have to use coexistence strategies, or we will take matters into our own hands, so I believe non lethal strategies must be mandated
52 dont you?

Rhonda Dern

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You are welcome to submit comments regarding additional strategies you feel should be implemented:
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You say we need to be patient with producers and not so will you also
53 be patient with wolves and not allow lethal control?

Rhonda Dern

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3/22/2023 20:12 3/22/2023 20:12 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov

We've addressed this several times already, you are welcome to submit any additional comments:
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<p>I am not only disheartened but shocked at how pro-wolf these questions have been. As Fish & Wildlife, are you allowed to share your</p> <p>54 personal opinions/NEGATIVE effects of this plan?</p> <p>The 10j rule as proposed allows for the lethal taking of a wolf that is "harassing" livestock...how is that defined? Is a wolf just walking through a calving pasture with cattle reacting to it considered to be harassing those livestock? It seems like a major allowance. The requirements for reporting and demonstrating that there was an</p> <p>55 "attack" occurring are great, but it's not clear what's allowed.</p>	<p>Allyson Hummer allywhiteh0791</p>	<p>The full EIS and draft rule are available online, you are welcome to submit any additional comments : https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100-0791</p>	<p>3/22/2023 20:14 3/22/2023 20:15 Joe Szuszwalak joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov</p>
<p>How much public outreach is fws doing for education of the public on</p> <p>56 this. Are these 3 or 4 meetings it or are we relieing on CPW for this</p>	<p>Anonymous Attendee</p>	<p>live answered</p>	<p>3/22/2023 20:18 3/22/2023 20:19 "Lori Fox, WSP" lori.fox@wsp.com</p>
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