

Call to Order for Public Forum

Hello everyone. Thank you for coming today. We've convened this meeting to hear public input regarding the state ballot measure proposing the reintroduction of the gray wolf into Colorado's mountains. You have been invited because you represent a point of view held by some Colorado citizens about bringing wolves back to Colorado. Colorado will be voting one of two ways:

FOR Wolf Reintroduction: Wolves should be reintroduced onto public lands in the Colorado mountains to be managed by either state Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife or federal wildlife authorities with U.S. Fish and Wildlife. (The management plan is to be decided if the ballot measure passes.)

AGAINST Wolf Reintroduction: Wolves should not be reintroduced into Colorado.

It is our goal that all present will hear each other's concerns and interests, and will participate in a respectful conversation about potential positive, negative, and undetermined impacts wolves could have on the ecosystems, wildlife, and people.

Let's begin the forum by having each one of you introduce yourself by stating your name and your role in the community. Then state whether or not you support wolf reintroduction into Colorado or not, giving reasons for your position. Each person will have equal time of __ (2 minutes suggested).

After everyone has spoken, we will open up a discussion so you can ask each other questions to better understand a position, or can give a clarifying statement about your position.

Please remember to be courteous to each other and to respect each other's opinions even if they are vastly different from your own. Yelling, arguing, and emotional outbursts are grounds for dismissal from this public forum.

Thank you. Let's begin.
(Follow the order on the presenter sign-in sheet.)