

AGNC 18-1  
Colorado Wolf Management

**WHEREAS:** Wolf populations in the northern Rocky Mountains have achieved and exceeded the recovery goals set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming and AGNC acknowledges wolves have been delisted in these states; and

**WHEREAS:** There have been numerous sightings of wolves in Colorado, documented by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW); and

**WHEREAS:** The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted resolutions in January 1982, September 1989, and January 13, 2016 opposing wolf reintroductions in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS:** Big game hunting and agricultural livestock are significant economic drivers within the AGNC region; and

**WHEREAS:** Colorado has invested millions of dollars to manage numerous wildlife resources, including big game populations in support of social and environmental goals; and

**WHEREAS:** Wolves have been determined to carry and distribute parasitic diseases to wildlife, household pets and humans; and

**WHEREAS:** The introduction of wolves into Colorado is in potential conflict with livestock production and big game management; and

**WHEREAS:** CPW has accepted 70 recommendations from the 2004 Wolf Management Working Group report describing how wolves will be managed and tolerated throughout the state, one management authority is returned to the state; and

**WHEREAS:** AGNC members generally support the funding recommendations provided in the Colorado Wolf Management Plan for Migrating Wolves;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that AGNC opposes any effort to reintroduce wolves into Colorado as wolves are already in existence in the region; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AGNC supports the 2004 Colorado Wolf Management Working Group Recommendations for Managing Wolves that Migrate into Colorado; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AGNC supports delisting satellite wolf populations, such as those in Colorado, which will allow for state management of wolf populations; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AGNC encourages the State of Colorado to actively support the delisting of the Gray Wolf as well as active management of wolves to assure the protection of private property, livestock, and wildlife resources; and

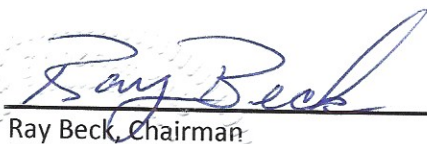
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AGNC encourages specific implementation criteria be amended into the Colorado Wolf Management Working Group Recommendations for Migrating Wolves, in addition to planning for resident wolves in Colorado. This planning process should include diverse

stakeholders, including local governments. Issues that need to be addressed are: impacts to local economies, ungulate herds, threatened or endangered/rare species (i.e. sage grouse), livestock, hunting, recreation and disease management.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AGNC encourages future management efforts be implemented that will protect local economies from losses due to the presence of the Gray Wolf. Financial compensation must be made available to address livestock, wildlife, and other impacts of wolf presence.

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that AGNC encourages education opportunities be made available to the public regarding rules, regulations, and endangered species act implications related to wolf management. These opportunities should minimally include livestock and wildlife resource protection options.

Resolution AGNC 18-1 duly approved by a vote of the Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.



Ray Beck, Chairman

