



RESOLUTION
AGNC 26-001

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING AND DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST
WILDLIFE; AND SUPPORTING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado ("AGNC") is committed to protecting the constitutional rights, cultural heritage, and economic vitality of the residents of Northwest Colorado; and

WHEREAS, hunting, fishing, and the harvesting of wildlife are deeply rooted in the history, traditions, and customs of Northwest Colorado and the State of Colorado, forming an essential part of the region's identity and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation recognizes regulated hunting and fishing as the primary and preferred means of wildlife management, ensuring sustainable populations and responsible stewardship of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado, through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, maintains authority over wildlife management pursuant to Title 33, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, public lands within Northwest Colorado, including those managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service, provide critical access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, increasing federal regulations, land-use restrictions, and administrative actions have the potential to limit or eliminate access to public lands and interfere with traditional hunting and fishing practices; and

WHEREAS, AGNC asserts that decisions affecting local land use, access, and traditional activities should include meaningful coordination with local governments under principles of federalism and coordination as recognized in federal law, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA); and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing contribute significantly to the region's economy through tourism, outfitting, and related industries, and generate critical funding for conservation through licensing and excise taxes under the Pittman-Robertson Act and Dingell-Johnson Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the preservation of these rights is essential to maintaining the region's rural character, economic stability, and cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

Section 1. Affirmation of Rights - AGNC hereby affirms and defends the fundamental right of the citizens of Northwest Colorado to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, and declares such activities to be a protected and valued part of the region's heritage and way of life.

Section 2. Preferred Wildlife Management Method - AGNC supports the principle that hunting, fishing, and trapping shall remain the primary and preferred methods of wildlife population management, conducted in accordance with sound science and established conservation practices.

Section 3. Public Lands Access – AGNC strongly supports continued and expanded access to public lands within Northwest Colorado for lawful hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation, and:

- Opposes closures, restrictions, or land-use designations that unnecessarily limit such access;
- Supports multiple-use principles on federal and state lands;
- Encourages coordination with local governments prior to any land management decisions affecting access.

Section 4. Opposition to Governmental Overreach - AGNC formally opposes federal or state actions that unreasonably restrict or eliminate hunting, fishing, or access to public lands, including:

- Administrative rulemaking that bypasses local input;
- Excessive land withdrawals or designations limiting traditional uses;
- Policies that undermine the authority of state wildlife management agencies.

Section 5. Coordination and Local Authority – AGNC asserts its right to coordinate with federal and state agencies on land use and natural resource decisions impacting Northwest Colorado, consistent with FLPMA and other applicable laws, and demands that local concerns be meaningfully considered.

Section 6. Consistency with State Authority and Private Rights - Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to:

- Supersede the authority of the State of Colorado or Colorado Parks and Wildlife;
- Authorize trespass on private property;
- Conflict with existing state or federal law.

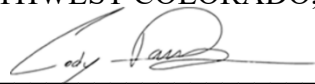
Section 7. Legislative Advocacy - The Board encourages the Colorado General Assembly and the United States Congress to enact and support legislation that protects hunting, fishing, and public lands access, and to resist policies that erode these rights.

Section 8. Severability - If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

Section 9. Effective Date - This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

ATTEST: BOARD OF ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF
NORTHWEST COLORADO, STATE OF COLORADO

By: 
Cody Davis, AGNC Chairman