



On behalf of Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association and our members representing ranchers, farmers, businessmen and women and their families in Montezuma and Dolores Counties, I want to express our full support for the "Trust the Science" Act, HR764, introduced by Representatives Lauren Boebert (CO) and Tom Tiffany (WI) that would remove the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act. The populations of other protected species have increased in other management areas and their listings need to be reviewed as well. The Association continues to support that a full NEPA be included in any management plan.

Agencies, land owners, and other groups have gone to great lengths, spending large amounts of money, time and man-power to save the sage grouse in the west. Turning out predators in those designated protected areas will be a great waste of resources already invested.

Scientific management is crucial to protect wildlife as well as livestock, pets and humans. Conditions affecting management plans vary greatly from state to state. Therefore, management decisions are most effectively made by including the states, tribes, local governments, and private landowners most impacted.

Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association thanks Representatives Boebert (CO) and Tiffany (WI) and all others who support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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