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COLORADO ADVOCATES FOR SMART WOLF POLICY

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Colorado Advocates for Smart Wolf Policy Announces Ballot Initiative to End Wolf Reintroduction by 2026

DENVER, CO — Today, Colorado Advocates for Smart Wolf Policy announced the filing of the final language of its citizen-led ballot initiative that seeks to end the reintroduction of gray wolves in Colorado by December 31, 2026. The initiative—now

officially titled *Proposed Initiative 2025-2026 #35*—will be heard by Ballot Title Setting Board on April 2.

The measure proposes to:

- **End the state’s reintroduction of gray wolves by December 31, 2026**
- **Remove the classification of gray wolves as “nongame” wildlife**
- **Include livestock guard and herding animals in depredation compensation programs**
- **Prohibit the importation of gray wolves into Colorado**

“This campaign is about putting the interests of Colorado citizens, taxpayers, and our rural communities first,” said Patrick Davis, spokesperson for Colorado Advocates for Smart Wolf Policy. “Coloradans have spoken, and now they deserve relief from a policy that threatens wildlife management, agricultural livelihoods, and public safety.”

The coalition is mounting this campaign on behalf of a broad spectrum of Colorado stakeholders, including:

- **3.65 million taxpayers**
- **Approximately 500,000 hunters**, including **300,000 elk, deer, and antelope hunters**
- **56,000 farmers and ranchers**, who manage approximately **2.6 million cattle and calves** and **400,000 sheep and lambs**.
- **Colorado’s outdoor recreation industry serving over 90 million people who visit Colorado** and recreate every year to enjoy sights such as the abundant populations of elk, moose, big-horn sheep, black bear, mule deer and antelope, which thrive within balance and well managed ecosystems.

“The data is clear—wolf reintroduction has wide-reaching consequences for the people who live, work, and recreate across this state,” Davis added. “This ballot measure is a responsible, science-based course correction that honors both wildlife and working landscapes.”

The campaign will begin collecting signatures statewide after April 10. When the initiative qualifies, it will appear on the November 2026 ballot.

For more information about the initiative or to get involved, visit www.SmartWolfPolicyCO.com.

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