**Statement to CPW Commission on Wolves, September 1, 2021**

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Hello, thank you for taking my comments. My name is Sallie Thoreson and I live in Montrose Colorado

I am a member of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Northern San Juan chapter.

I want to express continued frustration with the incomplete information about wolves, that is available, on the CPW and contractor websites.

CPW has an obligation to educate and inform Colorado citizens about the biology and interactions of all Colorado wildlife. This include information on the ecological benefits of wolves on the landscape. These include how wolves can strengthen ungulate populations, boost tourism, and restore biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

Let me give you a couple of examples about incomplete information. I searched the CPW website to answer these Two questions. I think the general public might reasonably look to CPW for this information:

**What are the Ecological Impacts of wolves on landscapes and interactions with other wildlife?**

* “Living with Wolves” tab- no information
* “Wolf Management” –“other resources”, list technical articles that I mostly can’t access without paying for the articles.
* “Wolves in Colorado FAQ”, found information on impacts ONLY on game animals and other predators.

**Where can I find background information on livestock coexistence strategies or conflict minimization management practices?**

* There is information that wolves kill livestock and how CPW will address compensation.
* Under CPW “Stay Informed” tab I can link to wolfengagementco.org website. There is a “Livestock Interactions” factsheet with some information but it is not easy to find.
* The “Stay Informed” tab is the only place I found the 3 recorded seminars. 1 and ½ hour seminars for an apparently technical audience seems daunting and not targetted for the general public.

**In conclusion, please improve the information available to the general public.**

Thank you