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Dear Livestock Producers,

The return of wolves on working lands is just one of the many expanding challenges ranchers face in today's world. As such, there exists a greater need for understanding, tangible resources, and support for the stewards of Colorado's wild-working landscapes. And this is what Working Circle focuses on.

Working Circle is a community-based effort founded in 2016 in partnership with ranchers from California, Oregon, and Montana. Our goal was to collaboratively seek long term and sustainable solutions to predator-livestock conflict while increasing awareness for the value of working ranches among urban communities. Today, Working Circle has expanded its efforts to Colorado and is nationally recognized for its successful approach in supporting ranch families to develop, implement and self-manage conflict reduction strategies rooted in herd management practices that also provide benefits in terms of economic viability, herd health, and ranch resiliency.

The landscape is not the same as it was 100 or even 20 years ago, not for wildlife and not for ranching—this is a reality we must all work within. Working Circle seeks to unite - rather than divide - the values and views surrounding wolf conservation and sustainable ranching. And through this understanding, meaningful strategies, and willingness to work together, we can ensure that ranchers can keep ranching.

We invite you to learn more at <u>www.workingcircle.org</u> and feel free to reach out at any time with questions or for support.

Thank you,

Karin and the team at Working Circle