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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission

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Wildlife Commissioners,

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners supports the proposed West Slope Mountain Lion Plan. The new proposal provides several new management strategies that will allow for a holistic management of lions across the west slope of Colorado. Primary among these is the realignment of management unit boundaries to more accurately reflect the actual home ranges of mountain lions. Along with the realignment of units, the decision to manage lions on a harvest limit basis instead of a GMU quota basis allows more flexibility and allows harvest to occur where necessary. The general concept of maintaining the mountain lion population at a stable level throughout most of the west slope is an appropriate management objective. Utilizing both the total mortality indices and the adult female harvest as parameters to determine that populations are within that stable range is prudent.

The Special Management Area described within this plan partially resides within Eagle County. The Board recognizes that interactions between people and lions have increased in the last ten years. The Board is concerned for the safety of both the lions and the residents and understands that implementation of lion management will help address the situation. As with all wildlife management, the board hopes there is flexibility built into this plan to allow adaptive management for changing conditions within management areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney

Commissioner