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Arguments For Proposition 114

- 1) Gray wolves perform important ecological functions that impact other plants and animals. Without them, deer and elk can over-graze sensitive habitats such as riverbanks, leading to declines in ecosystem health. Leftover prey can also provide food for other scavengers such as birds and smaller mammals. Reintroducing gray wolves can help support a healthy environment upon which Coloradans depend.
- 2) Reintroduction is necessary to ensure that a permanent gray wolf population is restored to western Colorado. Through eradication efforts such as bounty programs, gray wolves were eliminated in Colorado by the 1940s. While there have been sightings in Colorado, it is uncertain gray wolves will establish a permanent population on their own. The measure aligns with other states' successful recovery efforts while considering Colorado's interests.

Arguments Against Proposition 114

- 1) The presence of gray wolves can cause conflict with humans and animals that live in Colorado now. Gray wolves are known to prey on livestock. Deer herds in some areas have fallen below population goals established by state wildlife managers, and introducing another predator would put further pressure on these herds. In addition, many people live and recreate in areas being considered for gray wolf habitat.
- 2) Gray wolves from neighboring states have been observed in Colorado, including a wolf pack in northwest Colorado in 2020. This suggests that wolves may be establishing a presence in the state on their own, making a reintroduction program unnecessary. Allowing wolves to come back on their own, rather than through an intentional reintroduction, could give Coloradans more time to adapt to their presence.