



Please speak out at January CPW Meeting to protect Colorado wildlife

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

We are not done yet with our efforts to protect Colorado's native wild cats.

We are fighting. And we ask you to stick with us and stick with this campaign that continues to grow.

We have a path to secure reforms for wildlife, and we are not letting the initial setback on Prop 127 derail our efforts.

Let's face it. Trophy hunting groups spent millions to deceive voters in the run-up to the November election.

They demonized wildlife. They showed their true colors as people who kill our native cats for their heads and pelts. They made lions out to be scary even though they are shy and stay away from people, even though they live in so many of our communities on the Front Range and the Western Slope.

The vote on Prop 127 was about pushing the decision to Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Wildlife Commission. It was not a rejection of our plan to ban trophy hunting and commercial trapping of our native wild cats.

It was not about policy, but about the decision-making venue. Now we have a chance to make our case to Wildlife Commissioners in a week's time.

You can sign up to speak for the cats and to also write letters, which will all be heard and read by our Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commissioners — who set policy — at the **Jan. 8 and 9** meeting held in Denver.

Mountain lions and fur trapping are both on the agenda.

The deadline to sign up to speak online, or to send a letter, is Friday, Jan. 3, by noon. If you are able to attend in person, you may sign up to speak on that day, at 6060 Broadway in Denver.

Please sign up today to speak here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY49xyw8Am5rKpKwgvi76JFuaLPrsj3VyKZRsvsOOacmWAnQ/viewform>

Sign up under “general comments” and email me with any questions. I can walk you through it. I am happy to help with any talking points as well. You can find some good points to highlight in this opinion piece that ran over the past two weeks the Longmont, Camera, Pagosa Springs, and Grand Junction papers: [In the News | Cats Aren't Trophies](#)

Write your letters, as well, to CPW commissioners at:
dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us

To read the agenda items, click on "final agenda":
<https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-commission/meetings/parks-and-wildlife-commission-meeting-38>

Note there also is an opportunity to offer public comment on a terrible petition against wolves that must be denied. The same people who hate cat predators are also working against canine predators. We shouldn't allow them to spread their hate and misinformation against the predators of Colorado.

Many of the most important gains for animal welfare and conservation came after a first attempt or even a second attempt was turned back.

We are not relenting. This fight is here, it is now.

Nearly 1.5 million voters of Colorado voted for CATs. We heard voters and they asked us to go to CPW and the Commission. That's exactly what we are doing.

Several commissioners spoke up in favor of Prop 127 already. We just need others to weigh in on unsporting, highly commercialized killing of our wildlife.

Please donate to protect Colorado's native cats!

For the cats,
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