

The fate of lions and bobcats in Colorado hangs in the balance

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

All ballots will be cast in Colorado within the next 24 hours or so, with polls closing tomorrow at 7 p.m. Mountain Time.

We have run a strong campaign. We have closed with columns from <u>Dr. Tom Pool</u> discussing how lions are the only control on the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk. Julie Marshall was published in the <u>Daily Camera</u> and the <u>Durango Herald</u> discussing the breadth of our coalition and the cruelty to bobcats.

Today, we got an endorsement from <u>Jackson Galaxy</u>, the immensely popular cat expert that we've seen on national television for years. And <u>David Neils</u>, who has spent 30,000 hours studying lions and bobcats in Colorado and Montana, weighed in with a compelling YES on 127.

On the other hand, our opponents have run an outrageous campaign, with fearmongering and falsehoods. But they've pushed those lies with \$3 million in cash from the NRA, Safari Club International, and billionaire trophy hunters who want to keep their cruel hobby going.

The trophy hunters and commercial trappers pay no attention to the fact that the animals have lives and families who matter to them. And they pay no heed to the incredible array of ecological and economic services that the animals bring to Colorado, including acting as a bulwark against further spread of deadly Chronic Wasting Disease to beleaguered deer and elk in the state.

Their campaign is grounded in deception: Concocting a photo of a lion lunging at a child. Telling voters that trophy hunting is banned. Claiming that lions are destroying mule deer, even though these species have co-existed in the same ecosystems for millions of years.

It's time to send out our e-postcard to friends and colleagues and to remind them of the merits of Prop 127. It's not too late. Still more than 750,000 will vote between now and tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

The YES vote counts on you. We need you to spread the word about the ethical and scientific case for Prop 127. Please share our e-postcard. And we need a final infusion of dollars to match their ads.

Will you take action right now and send the postcard out?

Download postcard here

And we ask you to dig deep one more time today to conduct our final Get Out the Vote activities.

Prop 127 for Colorado. It is for wildlife, and it is our future.

There truly is not a minute to waste. We need your help.

Please donate to protect Colorado's native cats!

For the cats, Julie Marshall Communications Director