

Get Your CPW Strategic Plan Comments in by May 26 Deadline

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

Imagine being able to shape the next decade of wildlife policy in Colorado.

Well, you can... We can.

By providing your online comments over CPW's 10-YEAR Strategic Plan with a May 26 deadline

Please, today or sometime this week, carve out 10 minutes of your day to fill out this form:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2026 Strategic Plan | Engage CPW

To understand the scope better, read this from CPW:

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is developing a new 10-year strategic plan to guide its work from 2026 to 2036. CPW is working in close collaboration with consultants to gather input from staff, stakeholders, the public and tribal partners.

"CPW is currently seeking input to help shape the future of Colorado's wildlife, parks, and outdoor recreation opportunities via a public comment form below. The comment form is designed to gather insights on how the public and stakeholders understand and interact with CPW to help create a roadmap that addresses current and future challenges and opportunities, enhances our service to the public, and strengthens our commitment to stewardship of parks and wildlife resources balanced with outdoor recreation opportunities. Approval of the new strategic plan by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission is anticipated in June 2026."

The paradigm shift away from maligning and killing mountain lions, bobcats, bears and wolves, depends on speaking directly to the powers that are in control of how we as a society treat intrinsically and ecologically valuable wildlife in Colorado.

And ... we are on a roll!

At the CPW meeting last week, there were dozens of us CATs in attendance, in Durango, and online providing the historically missing voice for compassionate and wise stewardship – as opposed to lustful killing to make cash and foolishly carry on an unsustainable and cruel assault forged in "tradition."

I wanted to share some **comments from our CATs**:

"As someone who was here at Durango for the Commissioner meeting, it really felt like the tide was turning. The anti-trapping, pro-living wildlife speakers during public comment periods, both online and in person, did such an excellent job. We really outnumbered the few that were on the opposing side of the issue." -- Genevieve Jacobi

"The meeting was very well attended, and when compared to other times, commissioners seem to be paying us more attention, not texting on their phones, or eating sandwiches," **Jeffrey Hersch** "Genevieve did a great job doing a point-by-point of trapping as animal abuse. We have to keep banging away, with public pressure." **Debra Taylor**

We are five months into 2025, and it has proven we are already making positive change for predators. Let's keep going.

Because no one else will. Our values about humane treatment of wildlife are in the mainstream. It's our political adversaries who are the radicals. They want to kill bobcats for their fur and send the fur to China. They want to chase lions with packs of dogs and shoot them from trees.

Radical trophy hunting groups don't want to see any change. They see a wildlife management system that's rigged in their favor, and they want to keep it that way. And they will, if we are silent.

If we are silent, there will be no modernizing of our wildlife policy-making process. No attention to science.

I am inspired by YOU. Thank you for being incredible pioneers on this path to protect our predators and all wildlife that we cherish.

Please donate to protect Colorado's native cats!

For the cats, Julie Marshall Communications Director