

[Developed Predator Management Plan to Save Mule Deer](#) August 11, 2016

Colorado, Mia's Motivations

... One component of the strategy is predator control in areas where where mule deer populations remain below objective. Beginning in 2017, CPW researcher Chuck Anderson [will begin a three-year study to monitor the results of predator control](#) on the Roan Plateau. To learn details about the project, the public is invited to a discussion with CPW officials at the Garfield County Fairgrounds, South Hall, Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m...

[Proposed predator control study stirs strong opinions](#) August 18, 2016 Colorado, Craig Daily Press

... mule deer population ... in the White River National Forest are down almost 50 percent from peak numbers roughly 25 years ago... The proposed Piceance Basin study involves monitoring fawn survival in two adjacent areas over three years. One of those areas, a small summer range on the Roan Plateau, would have controlled predator removal before and during the fawn birthing period in May and June...

[Colorado Parks and Wildlife Public Meeting](#) September 15, 2016 WesternSlopeNow

... Colorado Parks and Wildlife want public input regarding a proposal to kill mountain lions and black bears, in response to declining mule deer populations...

[Colorado may euthanize more bears and lions to try to boost dwindling deer numbers](#)

October 22, 2016 The Denver Post

...a "predator control" push aimed at saving fawns... The National Wildlife Federation, a hunting and conservation group, emphasizes habitat loss and fragmentation as a primary cause of the decline of Colorado deer. And state biologists have determined that oil and gas drilling in deer habitat is hurting the ability of deer to recover...

[Colorado may euthanize more bears and lions to try to boost dwindling deer numbers](#)

October 25, 2016 Denver Post

... The statewide population is 110,000 short of the 560,000 deer that wildlife managers deem optimal for the state... CPW hasn't taken a position on a federal [Bureau of Land Management plan to allow up to 15,000 new oil and gas wells](#) on prime deer habitat in northwestern Colorado...

[Killing bears and cougars isn't ideal, but the data is important](#) October 28, 2016

Colorado, The Denver Post

... hiring specialized contractors to kill bears and cougars in the Roan Plateau and Arkansas Basin areas to help the dwindling mule deer population in the area ...

research has indicated that it isn't habitat encroachment from the oil and gas industry causing the decline, and at this point they aren't sure what the issue is ...

[State regulators consider measure to cull deer predators](#) December 13, 2016 Colorado, Cortez Journal

... Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission on Wednesday will consider the proposal, which would allow for the removal of as many as 15 lions and 25 bears a year from the Roan Plateau, in northwestern Colorado. The plan would be in force for three years to see if it boosts fawn survival rates....

[Habitat, habitat, habitat! Carnivores are not the problem](#) December 13, 2016 Colorado, Boulder Daily Camera

... There are so many different things that are stressing mule deer in Colorado. Fire suppression has closed the forest canopies, and that has reduced the amount of shrubs and forbs that deer rely on; then there is increased human populations, auto/deer accidents, etc. But CPW chooses to focus on carnivores ...

[Colorado embarks on experimental "predator control" killing of more lions and bears to try to save dwindling deer](#) December 14, 2016, The Denver Post

... the decision, after more than a year of deliberation and delay, has set off opposition from the Humane Society, wildlife conservation groups and outside scientists who argued killing more lions and bears is costly and ineffective... blitzed commissioners with evidence that loss of once-vast deer habitat ...

[Colorado West Slope Mule Deer Strategy](#) December 16, 2016 Colorado Parks and Wildlife

... Decline in frequency of severe winters recently, resulting in milder winter conditions overall, has resulted in higher winter survival rates, but deer populations have generally remained at lower levels than were evident prior to the 1990s. New information suggests that some deer populations in Colorado are no longer nutritionally limited by poor habitat and therefore predation may be a more important mortality factor ...

[Colorado OK's Plan to Kill Mountain Lions & Bears to Aid Mule Deer Populations](#) December 17, 2016 The Venatic

... the Piceance Basin has been the focus of research and monitoring efforts since the late 1940's. Data from studies performed during the 1980's through the mid-1990's indicated a high density population of mule deer in the basin (mean winter density = 24/mi<sup>2</sup>). That population began to decline sharply during the early 1990's to about 1/3 of the previously noted levels (mean winter density=9/ mi<sup>2</sup>) ...

### [WildEarth Guardians Sues Colorado over Plan to Kill Black Bears, Mountain Lions](#)

January 25, 2027 EnviroNews

... The Piceance Basin Predator Management Plan is a three-year strategy to kill between five and 15 mountain lions and 10 to 25 bears annually, “with higher levels possible.” The project will use “cage traps, culvert traps, foot snares, and trailing hounds for capture and a firearm will be used for euthanasia.” ...

### [Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission plans to euthanize mountain lions](#) February 2, 2017 Rocky Mountain Collegian

... Their plan, titled “[Piceance and Arkansas Predator Control Plans](#),”... CPW is not suggesting that the removal of predators is the solution to increasing statewide deer numbers to 560,000. These two research projects are designed to evaluate the extent to which predation is limiting deer population ...

### [Are predators real cause for declining mule deer?](#) February 18, 2017 Colorado, Glenwood Springs Post Independent

... “From the literature, what we’ve seen is predation doesn’t typically have an impact on the whole population,” [George Wittemyer, a professor in the CSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology] ... he believes that habitat treatment would be a better focus for CPW research. By habitat treatment, he means ensuring that mule deer have enough shelter and food ...

### [Survival of the fittest](#) March 2, 2017 Colorado, The Daily Planet

... the debate regarding whether Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) should be allowed to kill black bears and mountain lions ... that would help determine the animals’ impacts on mule deer populations ... In the pro-predator-control camp are government agency scientists and a wide range of hunting industry and association representatives. In the anti-predator-management circle are university scientists and many environmental and animal protection advocates ...

### [US government sued over plan to kill cougars and bears in Colorado](#) April 12, 2017 Colorado, Reuters

... Wildlife conservation groups sued the U.S. government on Wednesday seeking to halt a plan to trap and kill as many as 120 mountain lions and black bears in Colorado in a bid to stem declines in populations of mule deer ...

### [Predator reduction plan hits resistance](#) April 17, 2017 Colorado, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

... its new Piceance project is intended to determine if predation is limiting fawn survival rates in spring and summer. It plans to have Wildlife Services remove five to 10 lions

annually there over the next three years, and 10 to 25 bears a year over the same period...

[Predator study to proceed after judge rejects injunction](#) May 14, 2017 Colorado, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

... A judge has declined to suspend Colorado Parks and Wildlife's killing of bears and lions in a mule deer study while a lawsuit challenging the project plays out... The agency also is planning a three-phase, nine-year study involving manipulating lion counts ...

[CPW's dubious call](#) October 10, 2017 Colorado, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

... the agency is refusing to disclose the results of a first year of work removing bears and mountain lions from a part of the Roan Plateau for a study on the effects on mule deer numbers... it looks like it's hiding something ... This is public information paid for by public funds...

[US to suspend use in Colorado of 'cyanide bombs' to kill wild animals](#) November 6, 2017 Reuters

... Federal officials will also suspend plans to kill cougars or bears there to boost deer numbers ... had planned to shoot as many as 45 mountain lions and 75 bears in western Colorado ...

[Third suit filed over predator-deer studies](#) March 14, 2018 Colorado, The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

... The latest suit targets the research's primary funding source, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ... brought last week by the Center for Biological Diversity ... plan includes removing five to 15 mountain lions and 10 to 25 bears a year for three years ...

[Death toll rising](#) July 19, 2018 Colorado, Boulder Weekly

... Despite significant opposition, USDA Wildlife Services has continued with its assistance of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Piceance Basin predator control plan for the second of three years ... Critics allege it is a scientifically unsound and illegal attempt to boost mule deer fawn survival rates and, therefore, mule deer populations...

[An up-close mission to understand mountain lions in Colorado ...](#) May 26, 2019 Gazette

... a plan regarding a mule deer population that officials say has been dwindling in the Upper Arkansas River Basin. The idea, sparking several lawsuits: to see what happens by killing an unspecified number of their predators over the next nine years...