

President's Report  
December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

It's the day after Christmas and while we are mostly still wrapped up in the Holiday festivities, the opposition, the animal rights extremists are planning the next move for 2024 and Colorado is the epicenter of what is yet to come.

If you are reading this in the magazine you are little behind times. If you are reading this through email or the website hopefully you can stay up to date.

January will come in with a big bang with the Stock Show for the CTPHA and plans to counter the impending Fur Sale Ban that will be voted on in Denver during the 2024 election in November. Yes, you read that right, there will be a Denver Ballot to Ban the Sale of Fur which will essentially shut down the Stock Show engagement that we have and any other specifics in the City Limits of Denver that would be incorporated by the utilization of Wild Fur.

Without jumping ahead, this is in addition to the Statewide Ballot Initiative that will prohibit the Harvest of Mountain Lions and Bobcats essentially creating an outright hunting ban by misleading and deceiving Colorado's general voters just like the Wolf Initiative in 2020. In addition to these issues we have multiple concerns at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission and at the General Assembly at the Capitol that we will have to fight with our partnering organizations including but not limited to the Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management.

In addition to all of the confusion on our landscape the Annual Fur Auction will once again be held at Hugo, Colorado, on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with our Annual Meeting being held on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please see the Secretary/Treasurer Report for a full rundown. For items related to the Auction itself contact Greg Ashmore, Auction Manager at 719-760-0539 or Agent Chris Harper at 719 892-0795.

Our support efforts to multiple causes have been extensive and our relationship with the Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management has essentially allowed us to be more of a force at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission and at the Capitol with the full-time Lobbyists that also partner with the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project. Without these mechanisms in place we would not be where we are at and we would not have the pieces in place to help put up the best defense as possible.

If you have not kept up to speed make sure you research the upcoming attacks on our way of life and Science Based Wildlife Management. You can go to [savethehuntcolorado.com](http://savethehuntcolorado.com) and also find out information through the Colorado Secretary of State's Website and lookup Initiative 91 and Initiative 101. The Fur Ban Initiative for Denver can also be found on the [Coloradotrappor.com](http://Coloradotrappor.com) website and the [savethehuntcolorado.com](http://savethehuntcolorado.com) website.

While hunters and anglers and trappers along with other Coloradans should be concerned with the most recent news of actually putting Wolves on the ground, completing the first stage of the

2020 Wolf Initiative, they should also be even more concerned about these upcoming measures to essentially ban Hunting. If we stand idle this could happen. This is our chance, community wise for all hunters and anglers, All of our hook and bullet crowd to Stand up and educate ourselves and our neighbors, co-workers, families and friends about the need for Science Based Wildlife Management and to defy the odds by **NOT** sitting on the sidelines and letting these sons-a-bitches continue to degrade and erode 125 years of proven conservation efforts and tactics. We can no longer say “just leave me alone so I can go hunt”. We have have to stand up. This can be our moment. The enthusiasm and support over the course of the last 12 weeks since these initiatives were introduced has been remarkable. Organizations and entities and individuals are coming together with a common goal to not only **STOP** this lunacy here in Colorado but to also build a road map and play book for future use not only in the Centennial State but something that can be stood up to defeat these types of measures and defend all of the good that has come from our collective conservation community over the course of the last 125 years.

Please help support of the cause. Support our cause so we can live to enjoy time honored traditions for ourselves and future generations.

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