

# Why are Scientists Interested in Reintroducing Wolves?

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Wolves were eradicated from Colorado years ago and scientists are now interested in their reintroduction for a number of reasons. Wolves are apex predators and play a significant role in regulating the populations of other species within the ecosystem.



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# Who is Affected and How?

There are voters in Colorado that ascribe to many different social identities. While each had an equal say in the voting of Proposition 114, they will not each be equally affected by the reintroduction of wolves that is to follow this shift in ecology.

We conducted surveys before and after an educational outreach event to better understand how people from different backgrounds and social identities feel about wolves and their reintroduction into Colorado.

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**Environmentalists**  
71.3% of webinar participants self-identified as environmentalists



**Wildlife Advocates**  
77% of webinar participants self-identified as wildlife advocates



**Hunters**  
10.3% of webinar participants self-identified as hunters



**Ranchers**  
3.3% of webinar participants self-identified as ranchers

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The webinar series addressed the implications that wolves will have on the ranching community. These implications will be different than the implications for those living in the Front Range so it was crucial to have this educational webinar to engage people from multiple social identities.

This is one of the first decisions in a long line of natural resource management issues to come!

