

RESOLUTION NO. 24-43

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 127, A
MEASURE TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING OF MOUNTAIN LIONS, BOBCATS,
AND LYNX**

WHEREAS, Colorado Proposition 127 seeks to prohibit the hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx across the state, thus removing a critical wildlife management tool that has been supported by decades of scientific research and practical experience; and,

WHEREAS, respectful and responsible hunting is a time-honored tradition in Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, sustainable and regulated hunting has long been recognized by wildlife management professionals as an essential method for controlling predator populations, ensuring balanced ecosystems, and reducing human-wildlife conflicts; and,

WHEREAS, hunting of these apex predators plays a vital role in maintaining sustainable populations, managing the predation of species such as deer, elk, and livestock, which are crucial for both ecological balance and rural economies throughout Colorado, including in Huerfano County; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) already employs a rigorous, science-based approach to wildlife management that includes regulated hunting seasons and population quotas to ensure ethical and sustainable practices; and,

WHEREAS, the populations of mountain lion, bobcat, and lynx are thriving, healthy, and stable in Colorado under the current CPW management plan, with lynx being a protect species that is not hunted under current law; and,

WHEREAS, a prohibition on hunting mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx could lead to an increase in predator populations, exacerbating risks to rural communities, livestock, pets, and public safety, particularly in areas like Huerfano County where human-wildlife interactions are common; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 127 removes mountain lions from the definition of big game, making livestock owners ineligible for state reimbursement for damage claims for personal property and livestock damage or loss caused by a mountain lion, inflicting irreparable financial harm to livestock owners; and,

WHEREAS, the local economy of Huerfano County benefits significantly from regulated hunting activities, which generate revenue through hunting licenses, tourism, and outdoor recreation, all of which support local businesses and the rural economy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado opposes the passage of Proposition 127, and urges County residents to vote against this ballot measure at the General Election.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 22nd day of OCTOBER 2024.



ATTEST:

County Clerk and Recorder and
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____

Arica Andreatta, Chairman

Karl Sporleder, Commissioner

Mitchell Wardell, Commissioner