



**Town Council
Monday, February 13, 2023
4:00 PM
130 Kearns Road
Town Council Chambers
Snowmass Village, Co 81615**

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Agenda**

- 1. Start Time 4:00 P.M.**
- 2. Item for Discussion**
 - 2.1. Aspen Skiing Company Update to Council - Michael Miracle, Director of Community Engagement, Aspen Skiing Company
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 - 3.1. Wildlife Crossing on Hwy 82 - Cecily Runge, Roaring Fork Safe Passage
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 - 4.1. Snowmass Village \$50 sales rebate discussion
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- 5. Item for Discussion**

5.1. Discussion RE ACES Wolf Event

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6. Adjournment

Town of Snowmass Village

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AGENDA ITEM:

Update from the Aspen Ski Company

PRESENTED BY:

Clint Kinney, Town Manager

BACKGROUND:

Representatives from the Aspen Ski Company will present an update to the Town Council on issues ranging from transportation to summer operations.

Aspen Ski Company presenters are expected to be:

- Mike Kaplan, CEO
- Chris Kiley, Senior Vice President of Planning and Development
- Susan Cross, Snowmass Mountain Manager
- Auden Schendler, Senior Vice President of Sustainability

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AGENDA ITEM:

An Introduction to Roaring Fork Safe Passages (RFSP)

PRESENTED BY:

Cecily DeAngelo

Clint Kinney, Town Manager

BACKGROUND:

Cecily DeAngelo has started a new non-profit called [Roaring Fork Safe Passages](#).

Roaring Fork Safe Passages (RFSP) has launched to create citizens advocacy in support of reducing vehicle wildlife collisions in the Roaring Fork Valley. This organization will also serve to coalesce local- and state-level stakeholders to conceptualize and build land bridges, tunnels and fencing to reconnect the now fragmented watershed and reduce wildlife vehicle collisions.

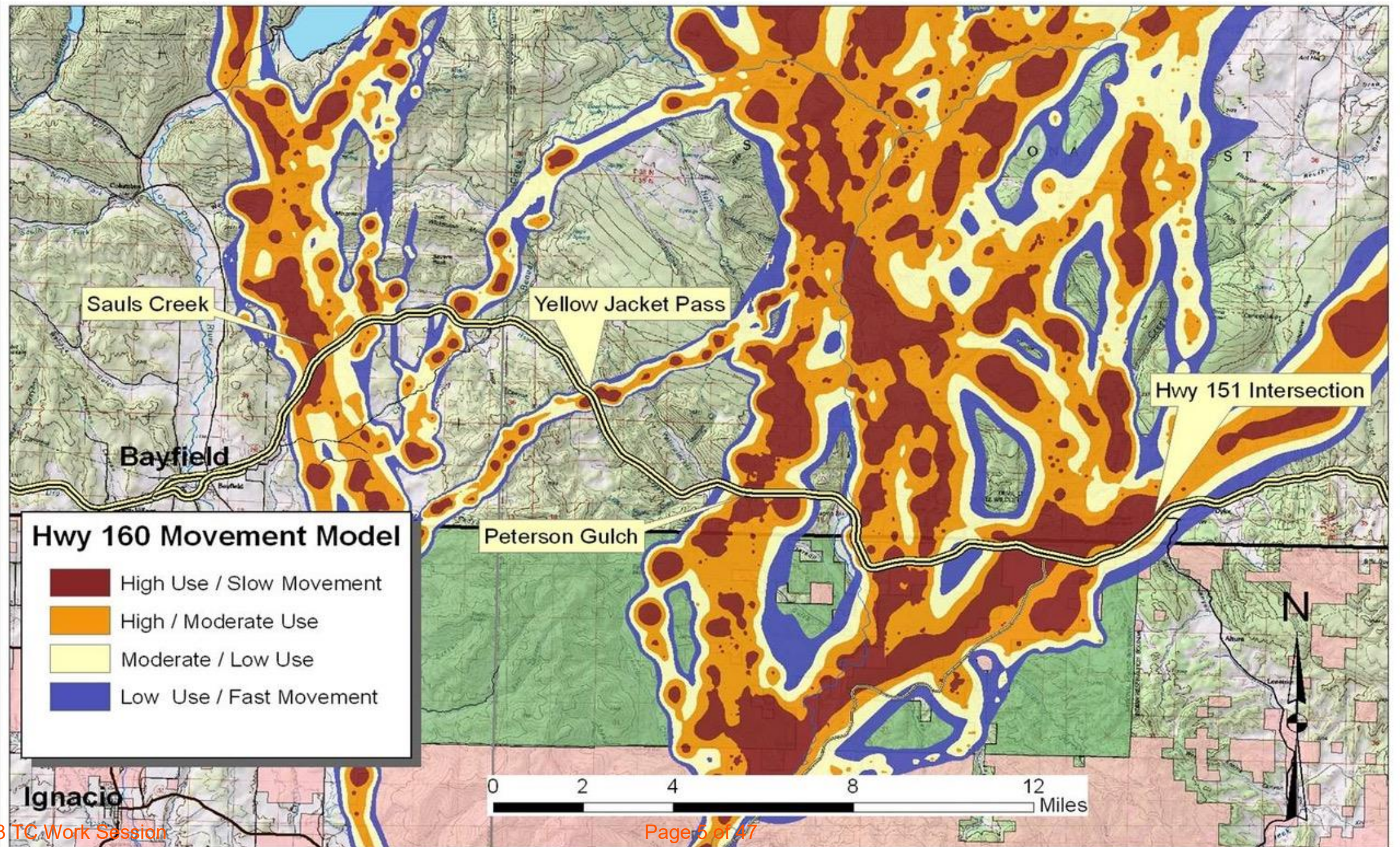
Ms. DeAngelo is working with habitat data that Tom Cardamone and Colorado State University collected over the last several years to build wildlife crossings on Highway 82 and possibly Highway 131. She is also working with Julia Kintsch, the founder of Eco-Resolutions and expert on designing infrastructure that help wildlife safely cross major roads.

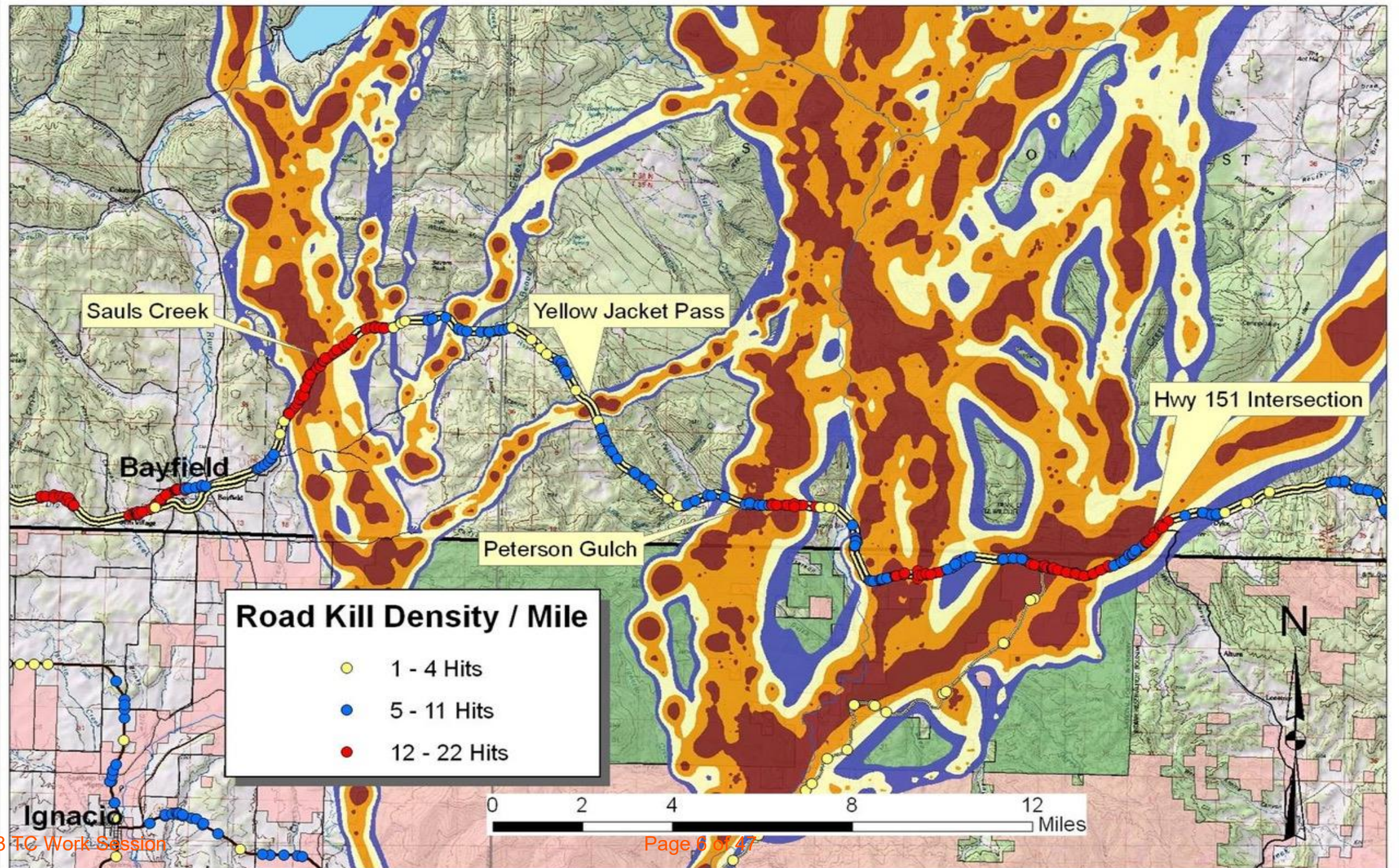
ATTACHMENTS:

1. RFSP Presentation

A photograph of a large herd of elk in a forest. The elk are brown and are looking in various directions. The background features tall, thin trees with white bark and some yellow leaves. The text "Wildlife need to move!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Wildlife need to move!





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- A photograph of a two-lane asphalt road winding through a hilly, sparsely vegetated landscape with patches of snow. Two dead deer are lying on the road in the foreground. A dark-colored car is visible in the distance on the road. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- CDOT maintains over 23,000 lane miles of highway
 - Over 4,000 reported wildlife-vehicle collisions each year
 - Most collisions are never reported or counted - a conservative estimate is over 20,000 animals are struck on CO's roads yearly

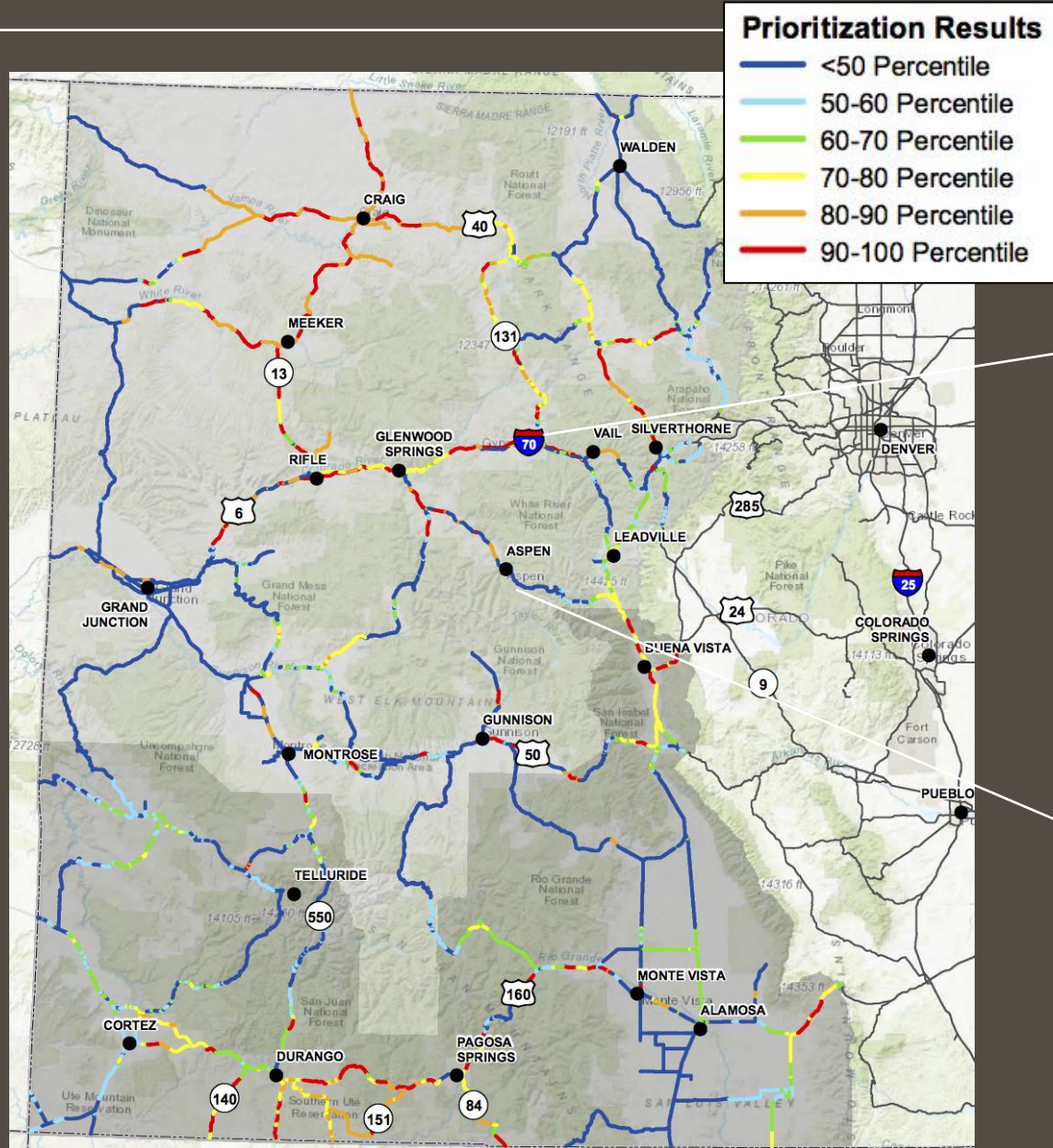
- CPW estimates that 2% of the state's mule deer population is killed each year in vehicle collisions: the roadkill rate is higher than annual hunter harvest

A maroon SUV is parked on the shoulder of a two-lane road. The vehicle has significant damage to its front end, including a crumpled hood and a shattered windshield. A cow is standing in the grassy area behind the vehicle. The background shows a rural landscape with trees and a house on a hill.

The economic cost of reported
wildlife-vehicle collisions is over
\$75,000,000 each year

A photograph of a large herd of deer on a snowy mountain slope. In the foreground, a single deer stands prominently, facing right. The ground is covered in patches of snow and low-lying vegetation. In the background, more deer are scattered across the slope, and distant mountain peaks are visible under a clear blue sky.

CREATING SOLUTIONS: WHERE TO MITIGATE?





CREATING SOLUTIONS: HOW TO MITIGATE?

Wildlife Crossings & Fencing



HIGH Effectiveness at reducing collisions



HIGH Value to wildlife connectivity



HIGH Cost

Other Mitigation Strategies

Reflectors



Signs



Seasonal Signs



Animal Detection and Driver Warning Systems



Case Study: State Highway 9, Grand County

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road in a mountainous region. The road, identified as State Highway 9, curves through a landscape of brown, scrubby hills partially covered in snow. In the lower-left foreground, the road enters a concrete-lined tunnel. The background features rugged, snow-dusted mountains under a cloudy sky. A few vehicles are visible on the road further ahead.

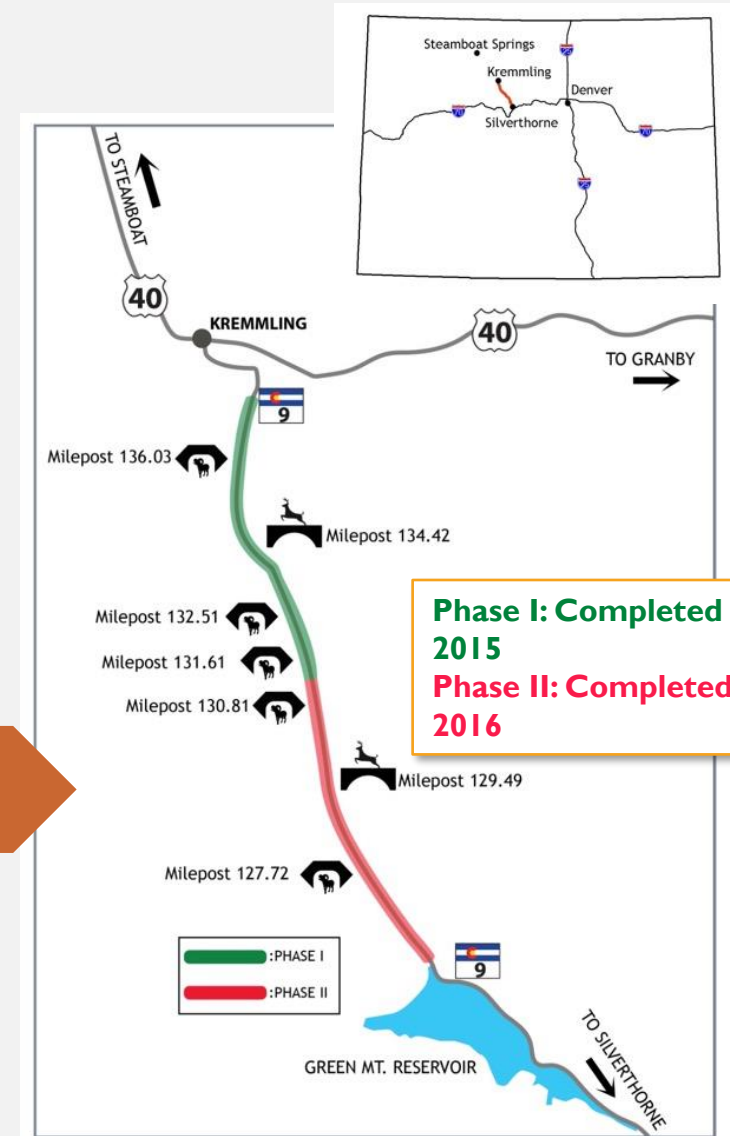
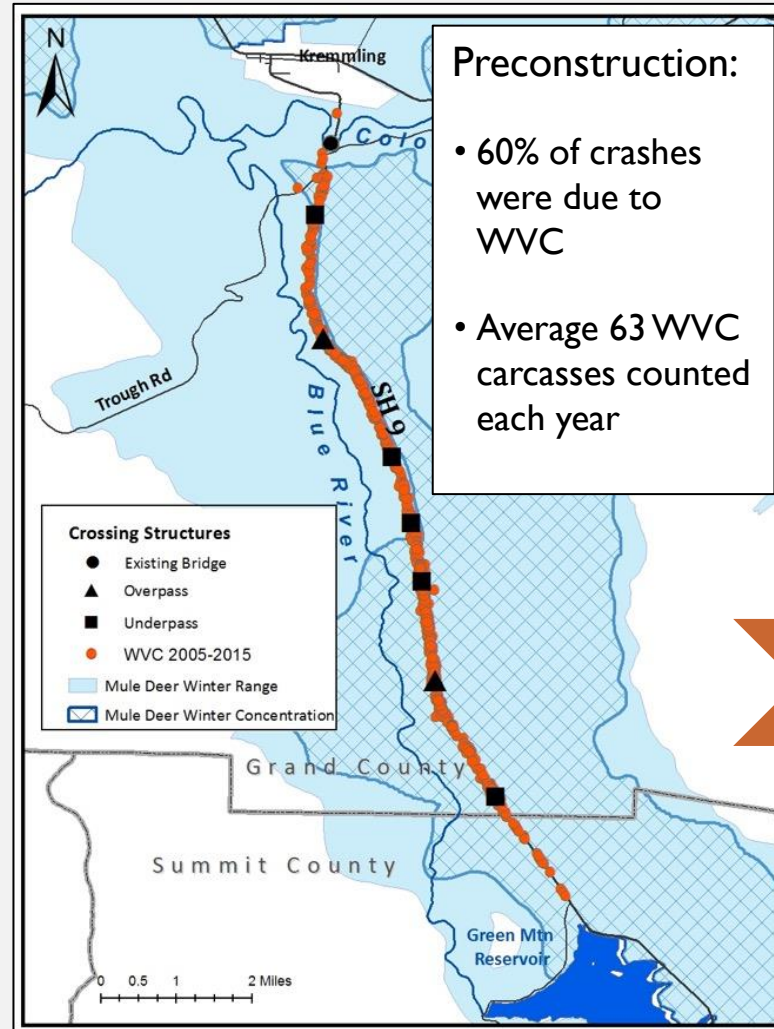
State Highway 9 Wildlife Crossings

Mitigation Objectives:

- Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVC)
- Maintain permeability for wildlife

Wildlife mitigation includes:

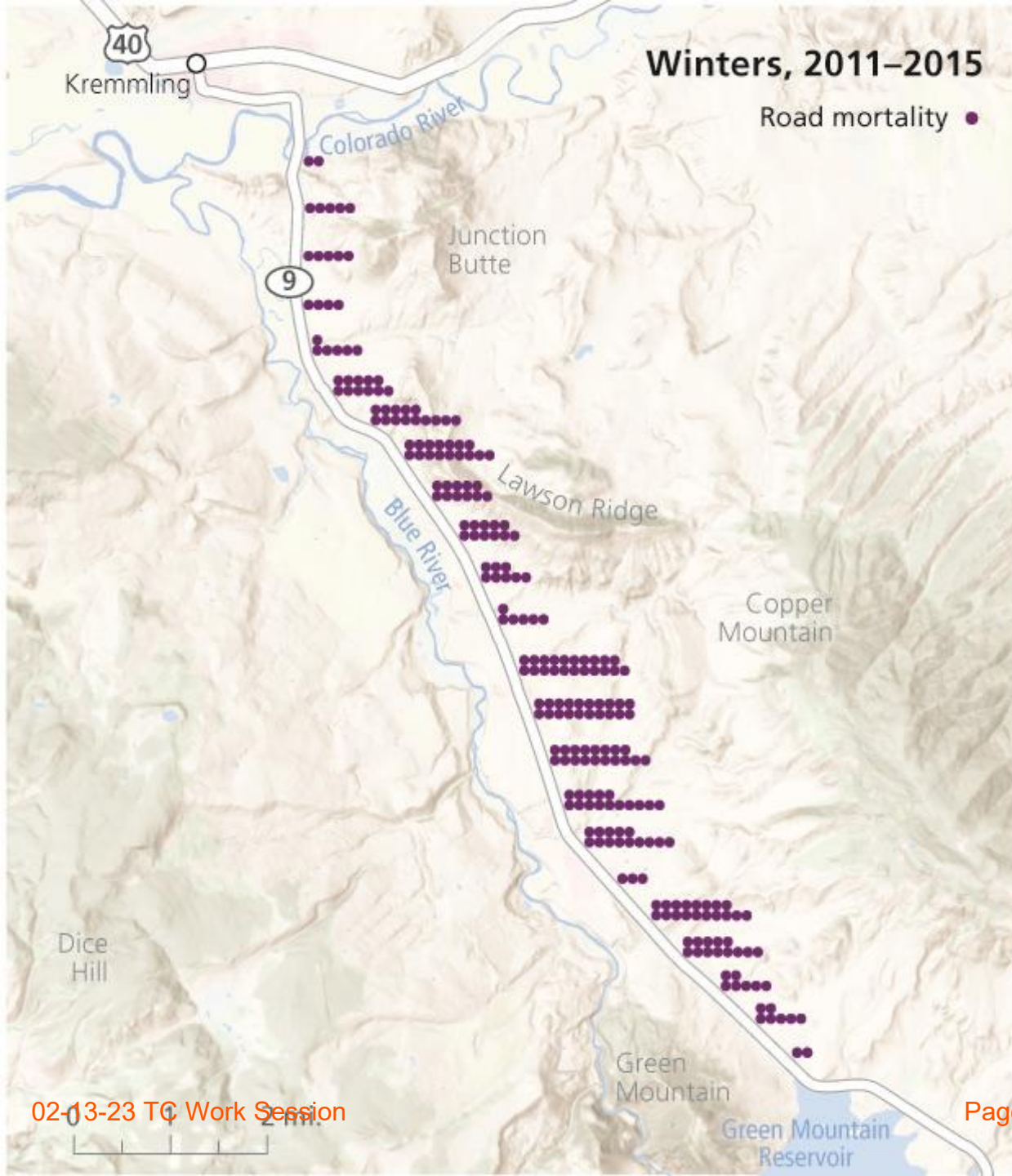
- 7 wildlife crossings
- 10.3 miles of fencing
- 29 wildlife guards
- 61 escape ramps
- 7 pedestrian access points

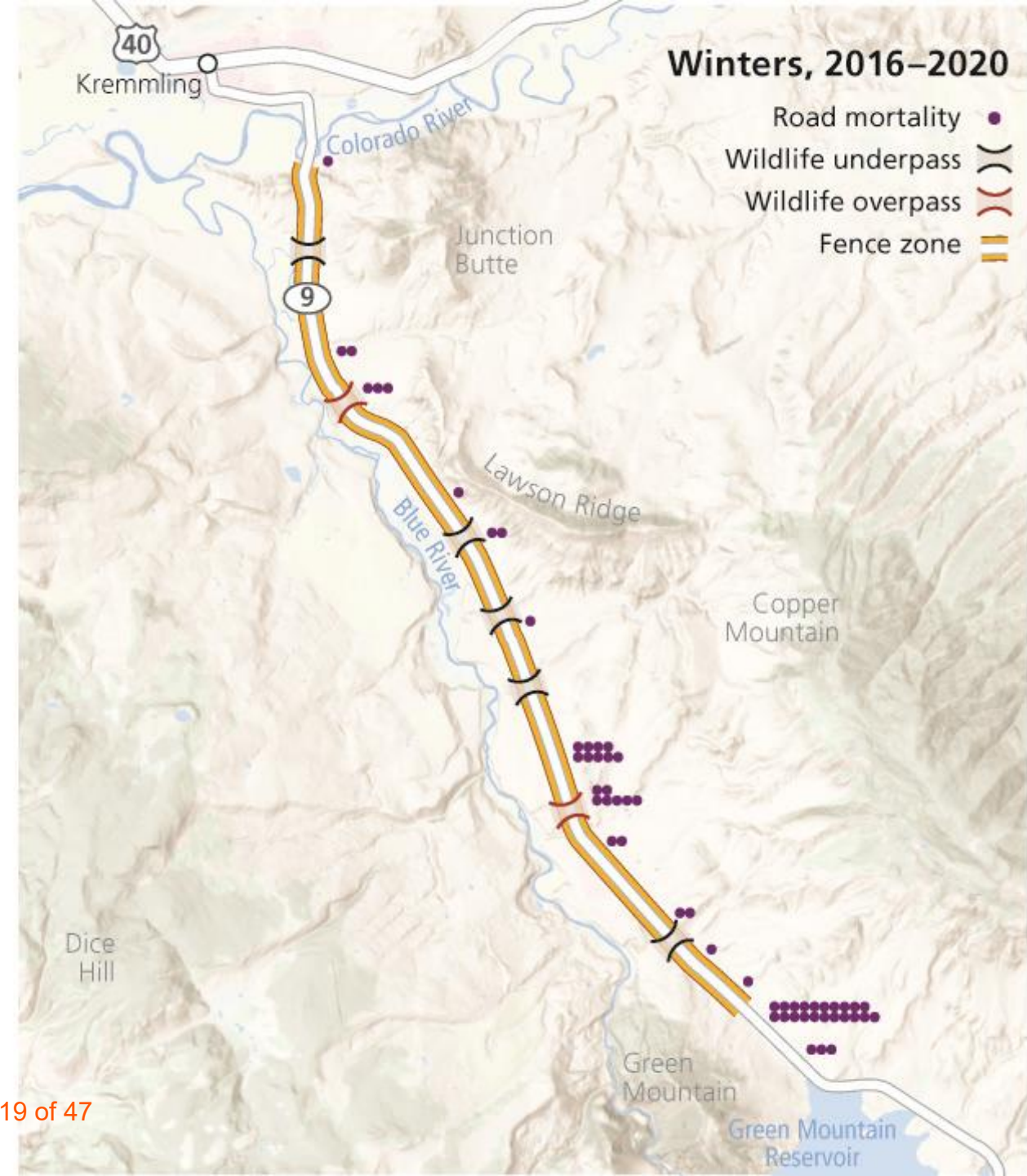
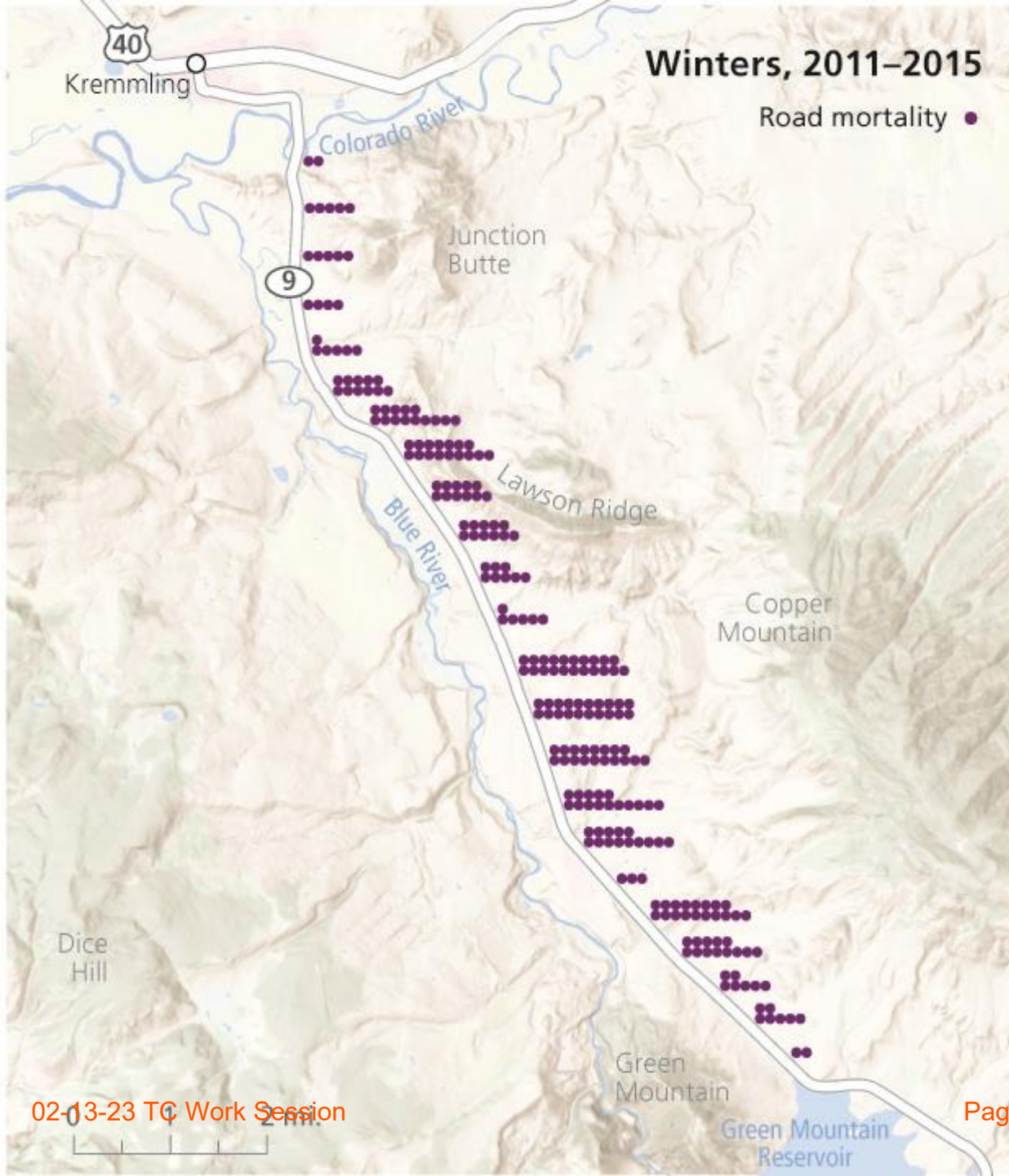




An aerial photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, a concrete tunnel entrance with a semi-circular opening is visible, with a road leading into it. The surrounding area is covered in snow, with some patches of brown vegetation. A road curves through the middle ground, leading towards a small cluster of buildings in the distance. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky with a hint of sunset or sunrise. The text "Do they Work?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

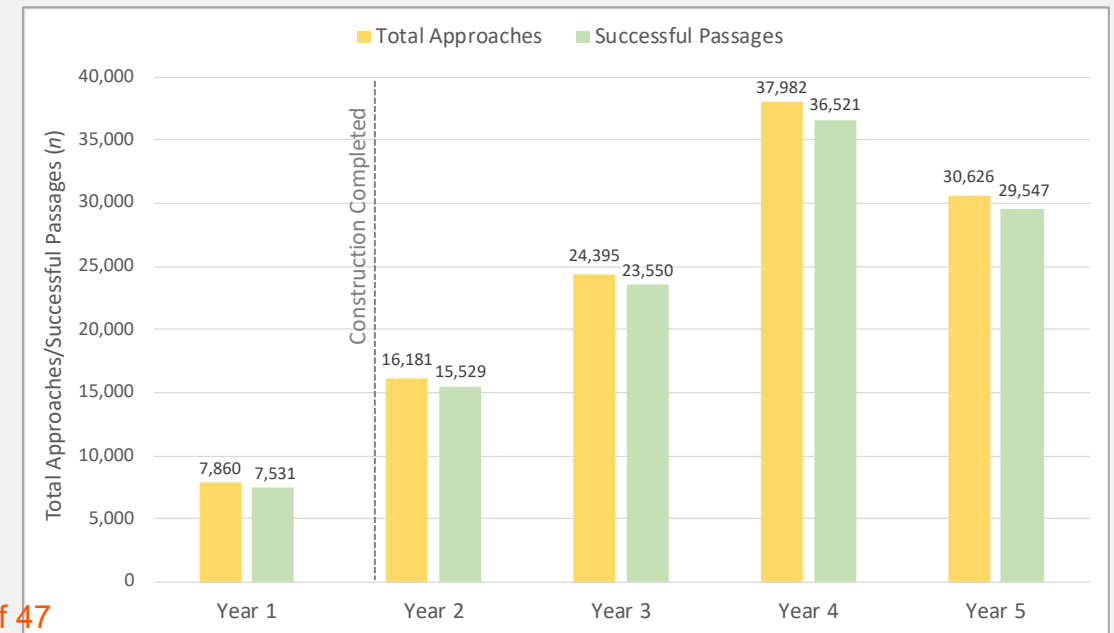
Do they Work?





Mule Deer

- Total of 112,678 mule deer successful passages (at all 7 structures)
- 96% success rate across all structures
 - Range = 83-99%
- Use by both genders and all age groups



17 SPECIES SUCCESSFULLY USED CROSSING STRUCTURES

Badger
Black Bear
Bobcat
Coyote
Elk
Bighorn sheep
Moose
Mountain Lion
Mule Deer
Pronghorn
Rabbit/Hare
Raccoon
Red Fox
River Otter
Skunk
Turkey
White-tailed deer



Overpasses vs. Underpasses



2 Overpasses
100' wide x 66' long



5 Underpasses
42' wide x 14' high x 66' long

Overpasses vs. Underpasses



Mule Deer: Used both underpasses and overpasses
Differences in crossing structure use appeared to be due to structure location

Overpasses vs. Underpasses



Elk:

Elk require more time to adapt to using crossing structures

Initial preference for overpasses may be overcome in time through increased familiarization

Overpasses vs. Underpasses



Bighorn Sheep



**Moose
White-tailed Deer**

Overpasses vs. Underpasses



Red Fox



**Black Bear
Bobcat
Mountain Lion**



RECENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS



US 160 / SH 151 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE



SH 131 NORTH OF CRAIG



I-70 GENESEE (I-70 FLOYD HILL PROJECT MITIGATION)

An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway (US 40) running horizontally across the frame. To the left of the road is a steep, rocky hillside. A large, tan-colored rockfall mitigation structure, consisting of a series of vertical panels, runs along the base of the hillside, separating it from the road. Several vehicles are visible on the road: a white sedan in the foreground left, a black van, a red car, a white car, a white van, and a white truck. In the background, a bridge or overpass structure is visible. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene depicts a highway project in a mountainous or hilly area, likely for rockfall mitigation.

US 40 EMPIRE (FLOYD HILL PROJECT MITIGATION)

Top of bridge deck is covered with 2-3ft of soil and seeded with native grasses and forbs

R.O.W. LINE

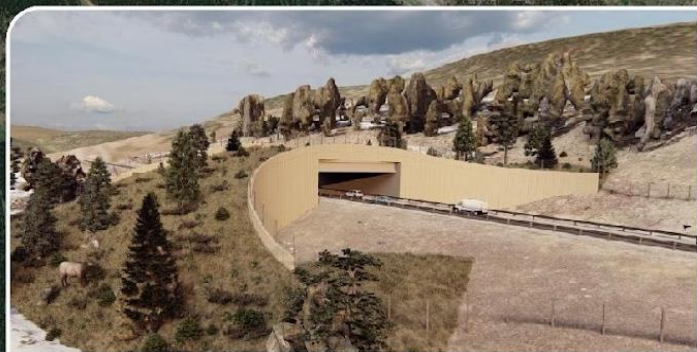
5 ft wildlife protection
8 ft fence

Wildlife Overpass Bridge

3:1 Fill slope

I-25 GREENLAND OVERPASS

I-70 East Vail Pass



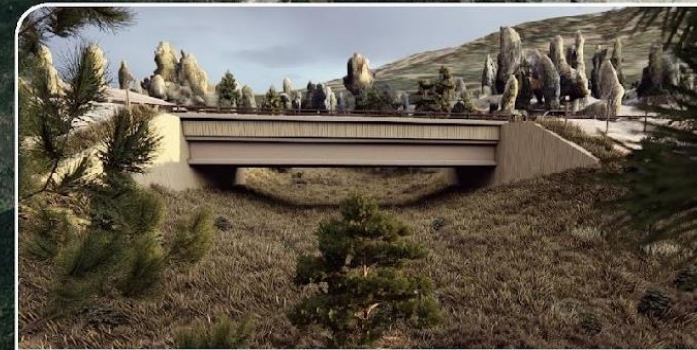
MP 192.3 - Hourglass Overpass

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$8.5 million



MP 193.0 - Arch Underpass

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$3.5 million



MP 193.5 - Buried Bridge

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$3 million

Proposed Wildlife Fencing
Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$4 million

Existing Bridge or Underpass

Existing Bridge or Underpass



ROARING FORK
SAFE
PASSAGES

Roaring Fork Safe Passages is an organization coalescing local, state and federal stakeholders to conceptualize and build land bridges, tunnels and fencing for our wildlife.

Tuesday night crash leaves 10 elk dead



Megan Webber, Aspen Daily News Staff Writer
Dec 31, 2021



A Tuesday night incident that resulted in the deaths of 10 elk on Highway 82 near Glenwood Springs resulted in a call for action from members of the Roaring Fork Valley community.

WILDLIFE VEHICLE COLLISIONS
IN THE ROARING FORK VALLEY

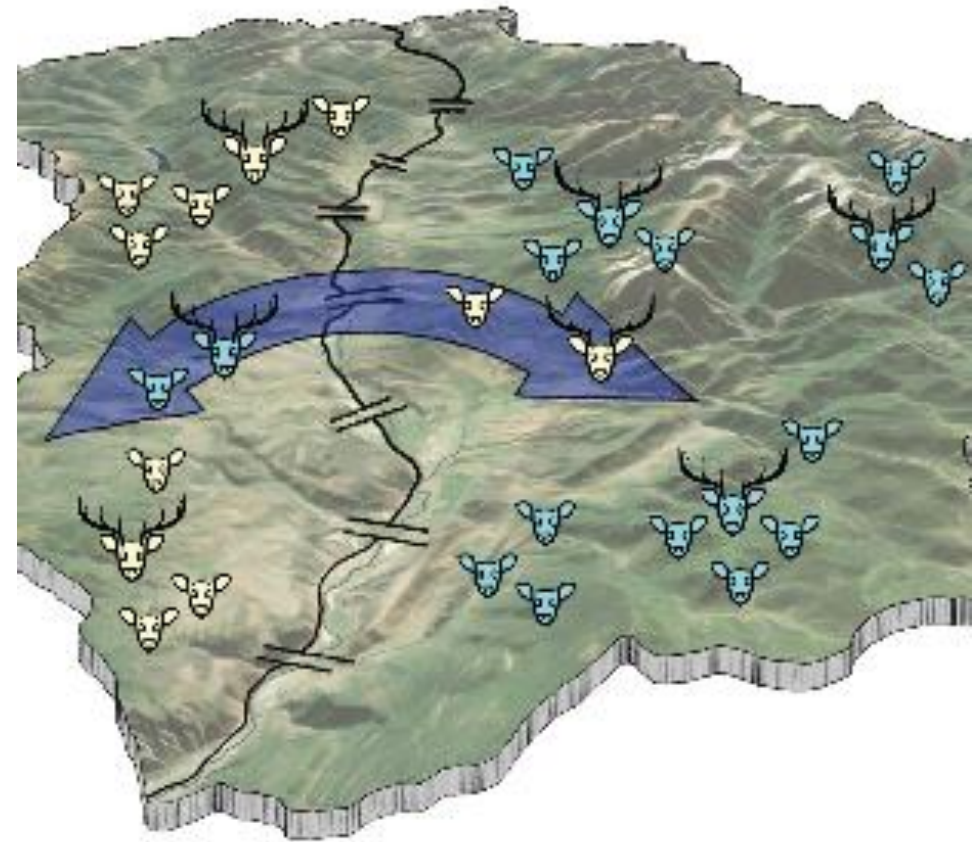
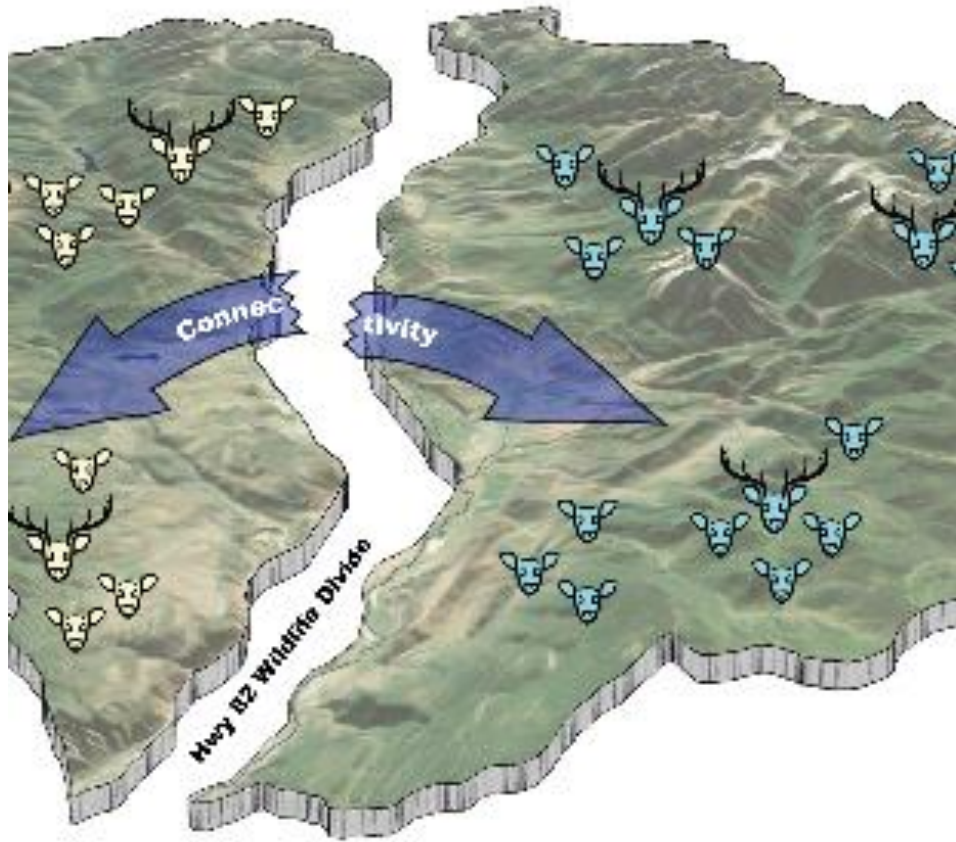
Elk face increasing pressures from human development and transportation in the Roaring Fork Valley

Herd populations have decreased by 30-50%

Removing the barrier of roadways and increasing connections to high quality habitat is one way to ensure a healthy population



Knit it Back Together!



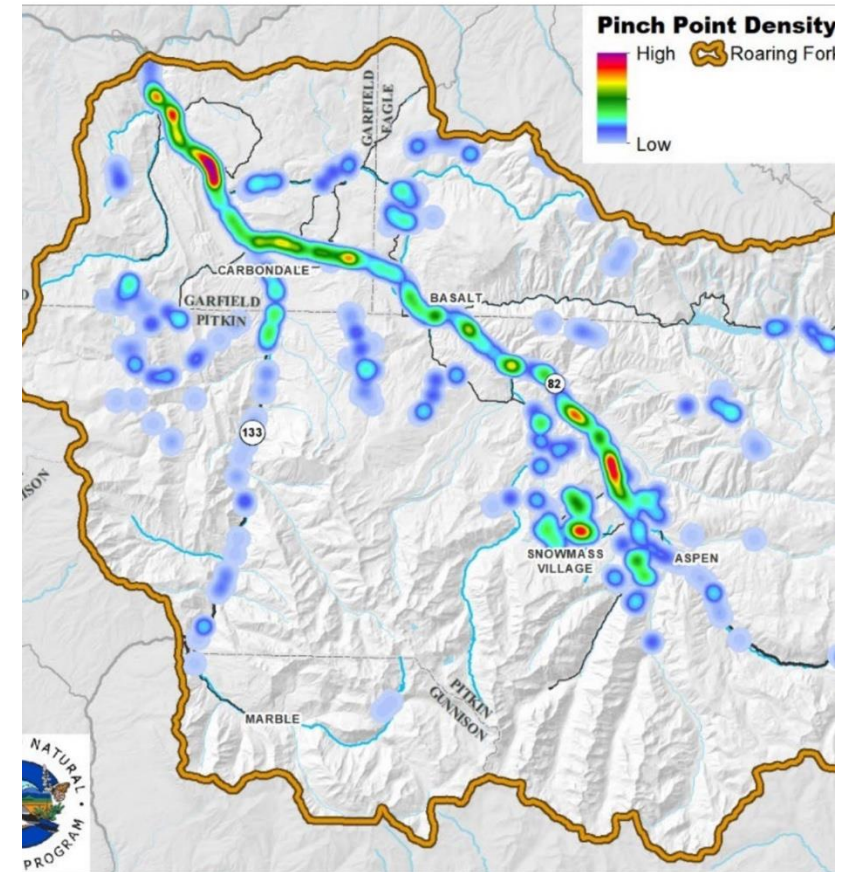
WHY LOCAL ADVOCACY AND FUNDING?

- CDOT has a backlog of projects.
- Many successful crossings are supported by local advocacy and philanthropy.
- When a local community initiates at an early stage, State and Federal Funds becomes more accessible.



- Public Private Partnership Examples:
 - Annenberg Wallis Wildlife Crossing- Los Angeles
 - Highway Project 9 - Colorado
 - East Vail Pass – Summit County Safe Passages

HIGHWAY 133 & HIGHWAY 82 PRIORITIZATION STUDY

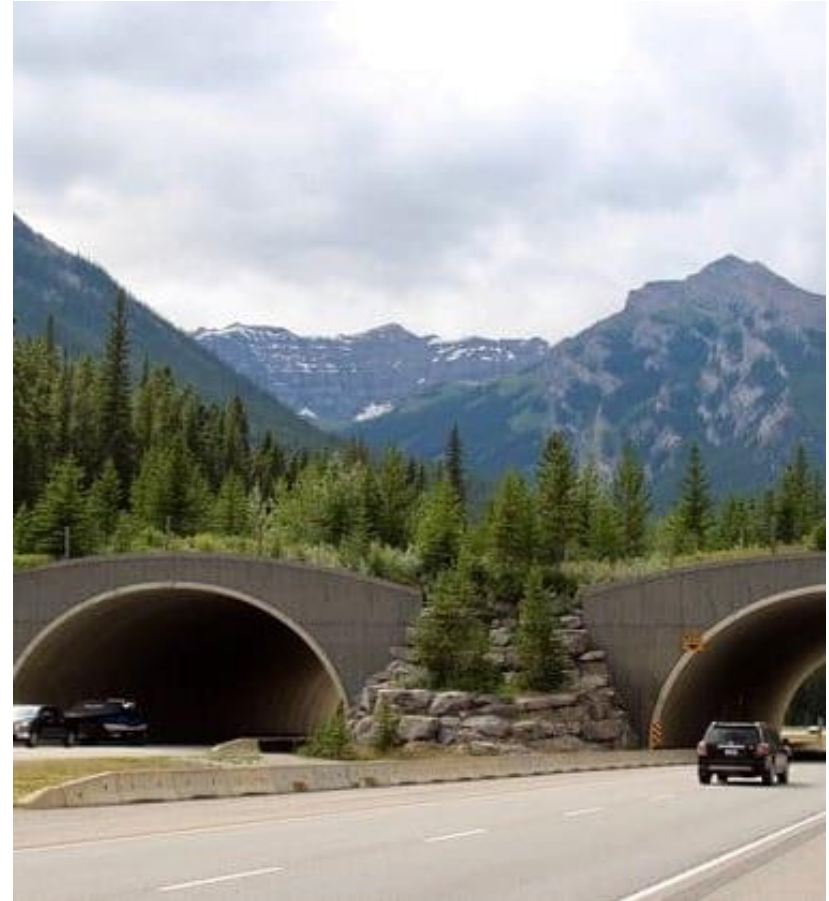


<https://www.watershedbiodiversityinitiative.org>

MITIGATION PLANS

Mitigation plans for **3 high priority** road segments detailing specific site-specific mitigation strategies.

Mitigation plans will be developed in close coordination with CDOT, CPW, counties, and other partners to ensure the feasibility and functionality of the proposed mitigation.





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Town of Snowmass Village

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AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion Regarding \$50 Sales Tax Rebate

PRESENTED BY:

Clint Kinney, Town Manager

BACKGROUND:

In November 2002, Snowmass Village voters approved a 2.5% sales tax that was restricted to marketing, special events, and public relations (in November 2022, voters added workforce housing as an allowed use of the funds as well). In 2023, this tax is expected to generate approximately \$8.5 million.

As part of the original voter approval for this sales tax, a \$50 per year annual rebate for full time residents is called for. The ballot question did not have any kind of escalator in this rebate amount, so the \$50 rebate has not changed since the inception. If a 3% escalation factor had been implemented since 2002, the rebate would be approximately \$93 today.

The Town is currently issuing the rebates, the deadline is March 17.

The Town Council scheduled this topic for discussion after receiving feedback from residents.

Attached for review are the original ballot language and an overview of rebates that have been issued over the last several years.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sales Tax Rebate 2018-2022 Analysis
2. Marketing Ballot Questions-Town Council Resolution 47 2002

Marketing Rebate 2018-2022

Year	Budget	Actual Amount	# of \$50 rebates
2022	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 51,650.00	1,033
2021	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 52,850.00	1,057
2020	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 55,400.00	1,108
2019	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 47,900.00	958
2018	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 44,500.00	890
5-Year Total	\$ 271,000.00	\$ 252,300.00	5,046
5-Year Average		\$ 50,460.00	1,009

**TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 47
SERIES OF 2002**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TABOR QUESTIONS TO THE TOWNS
ELECTORATE.**

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution , hereinafter referred to as "TABOR", requires the Town to submit certain questions to the electorate in the manner prescribed therein; and

WHEREAS, November 5, 2002, is one of the election dates at which ballot issues may be submitted to the eligible electors of the Town pursuant to TABOR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to submit a tax authorization question to the electorate which is considered a ballot issue under the provisions of TABOR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the adoption of this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado, as follows:

1. Ballot Question. Pursuant to the Town Charter, the Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965 and TABOR and all laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the Town the question set forth as follows:

Marketing and Special Events Sales Tax Question:

SHALL TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$2,500,000.00, ESTIMATED FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR COLLECTION, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS THAT SHALL BE RECEIVED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY ENACTMENT OF A 2.5% SALES TAX TO BE ASSESSED ON SALES AT RETAIL AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IV OF THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENACTED BY THE

TOWN COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME, INCLUDING A REBATE OF \$50 PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR FULL-TIME RESIDENTS; AND REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES TAX TO BE RESTRICTED FOR THE SOLE AND SEPARATE PURPOSES OF: 1. MARKETING, 2. CREATION, PROMOTION AND EXECUTION OF SPECIAL EVENTS, 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS, 4. ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES THEREAFTER OF THE SNOWMASS VILLAGE MARKETING AND SPECIAL EVENTS BOARD, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM FOR THE BENEFIT OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE AS A WHOLE, SUBJECT TO A LIMITATION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO A MAXIMUM OF 10% OF SUCH SALES TAX REVENUE ANNUALLY; AND SUCH SALES TAX REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 1, 2002 AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER REVENUE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN THE LAWS OF THE STATE?

2. TABOR Notice. The Town Clerk shall cause the notice required by Section 20(3)(b) of Article X of the Colorado Constitution to be prepared and delivered to the County Clerk as required by Sections 31-10-501.5 and 1-7-904, C.R.S.

3. Direction to Town Staff. The officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, including entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the County Clerk, if necessary in connection with the County Clerk giving the notice described in Section 2.

4. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

5. Inconsistency. All acts, orders and resolutions, and parts thereof, inconsistent with this Resolution be, and the same hereby are, repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or Resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of

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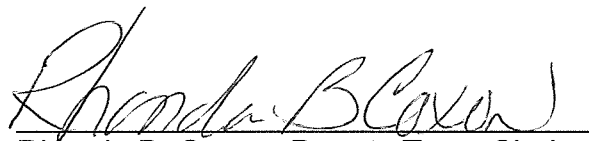
Snowmass Village, Colorado, on September 10, 2002, upon the motion of Council Member Mercatoris, the second of Council Member Virtue and upon a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE



T. Michael Manchester, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda B. Coxon, Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Snowmass Village

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AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion RE ACES Wolf Event

PRESENTED BY:

Clint Kinney, Town Manager

BACKGROUND:

ACES is planning a fun and informative event- Living with Wolves: Coexistence in Colorado for all ages at the Wheeler on March 15th.

This event aims to educate the local community on what to expect with the future reintroduction of wolves through an engaging multimedia evening, including a panel discussion with different voices from scientists, ranchers, and livestock experts, as well as film and a music/dance performance to bring some energy in throughout the evening.

Chris Lane, Chief Executive Officer of ACES, will make a short presentation about the event and ask if Snowmass Village would be interested in being involved in the event, as this topic will have a huge impact on our community. ACES is asking for support for the event through promotion and spreading the word. In addition, ACES may be asking TOSV for \$1K to \$5K in support of the event.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft – ACES Wolf Event Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ACES' FIRST EVER WOLF EVENT TO DEBUT MARCH 15
"Living with Wolves: Coexistence in Colorado" at Wheeler Opera House from 6-8 pm



"Howling Wolves" Illustration by Cornelia Carpenter

Aspen, Colorado **(February 9, 2023)**— the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) will introduce a new live, multimedia event at the Wheeler Opera House this March 15. **"Living with Wolves: Coexistence in Colorado"** is a free, educational, artistic and entertaining evening about wolf reintroduction in the state and specifically in the Roaring Fork Valley. The event will culminate with a panel discussion and Q&A session about the reality of living with wolves.

ACES has invited a number of special guest speakers from around Colorado, each with a unique stakeholder perspective on this recently voted upon ballot initiative.

Living with Wolves: Coexistence in Colorado

March 15, 6-8 pm

The Wheeler Opera House

Free and open to the public

Tickets (available through <https://www.aspenshowtix.com>) on sale **February 10.**

Keynote Speaker:

Joanna E. Lambert, PhD, a Professor of Environmental Studies and Faculty of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology the University of Colorado - Boulder. Joanna Lambert has a deep passion for our wild and natural world, resulting in a career spent publishing and teaching about the evolution, ecology, and conservation of wild animals.

Special Panelists:

Matt Barnes, a Rangeland Scientist who founded both Shining Horizons Land Management, and his non-profit project Reintegrating Wildness, a part of the Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative.

Gary Skiba, the Wildlife Program Manager at the San Juan Citizens Alliance and former Colorado Division of Wildlife employee; his work focused on threatened and endangered species management.

Karin Vardaman, Director and Co-Founder of Working Circle, an organization dedicated to ensuring wolves, livestock, and people can coexist and thrive long-term on shared lands.

A Colorado Parks and Wildlife representative will also be joining the panel.

Moderated by:

John Calfa III, the host of the “Wolf Connection” podcast, is a staff member of the Wolf Connection organization based in California. The podcast explores the intricate bond between humans and wolves. John has interviewed wolf experts, scientists, ranchers, journalists and more about living with wolves.

*** (More special guests to be confirmed in the coming weeks!) ***

The evening will include film, as well as live music and dance by the performance group, Lost Walks, and all artistic presentations will be inspired by wolves. Want to get involved in the issue? Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak with representatives from a variety of organizations working on the Colorado wolf reintroduction, who will be available for discussion in the lobby during intermission.

“The voters of the state have spoken and now it is time for Coloradans to come together to learn how we are going to coexist with wolves. This educational as well as entertaining evening will feature firsthand knowledge of the challenges and solutions associated with wolf reintroduction,” said Chris Lane, CEO of ACES.

“The evening, which is focused on what reintroduction will look like and how we will make it work for all stakeholders, has something for everyone; whether you are a hunter, rancher, tourist, government official, student, environmentalist or concerned citizen, you are sure to be engaged and learn something new,” said Lane.

This event supports ACES’ educational program Tomorrow’s Voices, a free, non-partisan college-level course open to all Roaring Fork Valley high school students. Students explore and discuss timely and relevant environmental and social justice issues, develop critical thinking skills

and discover the power of civic engagement. Tomorrow's Voices provides students with the agency to be active community contributors, and is deeply connected to ACES' mission of educating for environmental responsibility.

Special thanks to our event sponsors and community partners: the Aspen Chamber Resort Association, Endangered Species Coalition, Harriman Construction, Pitkin County, and the Rocky Mountain Wolf Project. The City of Aspen is underwriting the venue to facilitate a community conversation. This event is also generously supported by The McBride Family Foundation.

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About Aspen Center for Environmental Studies

Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES), a non-partisan, nonprofit organization, provides enriching environmental literacy programs for kids, teens, and adults as well as community and business leaders. With three locations between Aspen and Basalt, ACES offers year-round programs focused on science, ecology, natural history, stewardship, forest health, regenerative agriculture, civic leadership, and more. For more information and a full listing of ACES offerings, visit www.aspennature.org.

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