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Proposal for Review and Comment

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Intended proposal:

The state-wide ban on the use and implementation of traps i.e. "spring Traps" for hunting wildlife that do not discriminate against species of wildlife and cause harm to animals without the direct, effective and immediate means to euthanize the trapped animal.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO TAKE WILDLIFE WITH ANY LEGHOLD TRAP, THE USE OF SNARES, TRAPS NOT DESIGNED TO KILL OR ANY INSTANT KILL BODY GRIPPING DESIGN TRAP, OR BY A POISON OR A SNARE ON ANY PUBLIC LAND, INCLUDING STATE OWNED OR STATE LEASED LAND, LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE STATE PARKS BOARD AND ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY.

Justification for proposal:

These types of traps do not discriminate against pets, humans or wildlife. The results from stepping onto a spring trap are bone fractures, severe tissue damage and often the loss of limb resulting in amputation. We live in the 21st century and are no longer a state of barbarians. Colorado has a responsibility to step up and protect wildlife, humans, and pets from the cruelty and trauma of spring traps.

Sincerely,

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