

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 5
SERIES 2022

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROTECTION OF SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE'S BRUNOT AGREEMENT ANCESTRAL HUNTING AREA AND RIGHTS IN REGARDS TO WOLF REINTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the US Government and the Southern Ute Tribe entered the "Brunot Agreement" signed in 1873 and enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in 1874, spurred by the development of mining in the San Juan Mountains;

WHEREAS, during negotiations, Chief Ouray identified the abundant game in the "hunting area" and the need for continued hunting rights in perpetuity which was assured through Article II of the Brunot Agreement, that "the United States shall permit the Ute Indians to hunt upon said lands so long as the game lasts and the Indians are at peace with the white people";

WHEREAS, the "hunting area" includes 3.7 million acres from the Ute Reservation in western Colorado of which the entirety of Hinsdale County is within this boundary;

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Tribe requests support to ensure the continuation of game by opposition of unnatural wolf reintroduction.

WHEREAS, Hinsdale County previously stated opposition to the reintroduction of the wolf (Resolution No. 14, Series 2018)

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado proclaims that, based on the above findings, we:

1. Support the position of the Southern Ute Tribe that unnatural wolf reintroduction may impact hunting within Ancestral Hunting Lands identified in the 1874 Brunot Agreement, and
2. Encourage the State of Colorado and US Government to honor the Brunot Agreement by not considering this area suitable for wolf reintroduction.

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner Robert Hurd and seconded by Commissioner Kristine Borchers.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 6 day of April, 2022.

By: Kristine Borchers
Kristine Borchers, Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Roberts
Joan Roberts, County Clerk & Recorder

