



*“Voice of the Western Slope since 1953”*  
*A coalition of counties, communities, businesses & individuals*

---

(970) 242-3264 ★ FAX (970) 245-8300  
P.O. Box 550 ★ Grand Junction, CO 81502-0550  
[www.club20.org](http://www.club20.org)

## **02-9 NR 2**

### **Lynx Reintroduction with Experimental Non-essential Designation**

**WHEREAS:** The lynx was listed as a Colorado Endangered Species by the Wildlife Commission in 1975; and

**WHEREAS:** The Fish and Wildlife Service delayed the listing of the lynx because other species had higher priorities; and

**WHEREAS:** Several conservation organizations and private individuals sued the Service for the delay and the Service agreed in a settlement of that lawsuit that they would proceed with a proposal to list the lynx in the contiguous 48 states as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act; and

**WHEREAS:** If the lynx reintroduction effort is successful in Colorado the Colorado Wildlife Commission would remove it from the state’s endangered species list and ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to exempt Colorado from the federal list as well; and

**WHEREAS:** The Colorado Division of Wildlife believes it must reintroduce another 150 lynx in order to determine the success of their reintroduction program; and

**WHEREAS:** The habitat for the lynx is public land that provides many uses for the people of the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS:** CLUB 20 supports the reintroduction of the lynx as long as the other multiple uses of the state’s public lands are protected; and

**WHEREAS:** The 2002 Colorado House of Representatives Unanimously passed a resolution requesting the U.S. Fish & Wildlife designate the lynx as experimental non-essential;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 encourages the Colorado Wildlife Commission and the Division of Wildlife to seek the reintroduction of additional lynx only with experimental non-essential status in order to protect the many other uses of our public lands.

**Adopted September 6, 2002.**