



## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Date: 24 September 2019  
To: Governor Jared Polis  
From: Jacob Pries, Policy Intern  
Re: Gratitude for Wildlife Crossings Executive Action

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On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA), we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your recent executive action on wildlife crossings within the state of Colorado. The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

The executive order that you have executed will ensure habitat connectivity for multiple species throughout the state of Colorado and will help protect drivers on the road looking to reach the wild places your state has to offer. In an ever-growing society, habitat connectivity is vital to the continued existence of wildlife and the state's outdoor economy. According to the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, hunters and anglers in Colorado spend \$1.3 billion annually while supporting 18,693 jobs. Your action ensures the continued vitality of Colorado's economy and the outdoor traditions that make your state unique.

By encouraging collaboration on this important issue, you have upheld your duty to Coloradans and the wildlife that is owned by all citizens of the United States of America. You have led by example and we encourage you to continue this type of leadership. Through proactive conservation measures, such as this executive order, we can continue enjoying our wildlife for many generations to come. We hope to continue to see your leadership in the fight for our nation's wildlife and their habitat.

Respectfully,

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