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## The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

## U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### Protecting Wildlife, Domestic Animals, and Public Lands from Cyanide Devices and Inhumane Predator Control Practices

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including Article II of the Constitution, the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the Animal Damage Control Act (7 U.S.C. 8351 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and all other applicable authorities, it is hereby ordered:

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#### Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

The United States possesses a solemn obligation to serve as steward and guardian of the Nation's wildlife, ecosystems, public lands, and domestic animals. The preservation of ecological balance and the humane treatment of sentient life are fundamental responsibilities of civilized government.

Sodium cyanide ejector devices, including M-44 cyanide traps, inflict indiscriminate and inhumane suffering upon wildlife and domestic animals, endanger public safety, and undermine responsible conservation practices. Such devices have resulted in injury and death to non-target wildlife, companion animals, and members of the public.

Modern science and land management practices demonstrate that effective non-lethal predator deterrence methods exist and shall be prioritized wherever practicable. Cruelty shall not be accepted as a substitute for responsible stewardship.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the United States to:



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1. Prohibit the use of sodium cyanide ejector devices on federal lands and within federally authorized wildlife management activities, including all activities conducted pursuant to federal cooperative agreements, permits, grants, or contracts regardless of land ownership or jurisdiction;
2. Prioritize humane, non-lethal predator deterrence methods;
3. Ensure accountability for violations of humane wildlife management standards;
4. Protect public lands and ecosystems from indiscriminate poisoning practices.

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## Sec. 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this order:

(a) "Cyanide ejector device" means any spring-activated or mechanically activated device designed to discharge sodium cyanide or similar toxic compounds into an animal, including M-44 devices.

(b) "Federal lands" means lands owned, leased, administered, or managed by the United States Government. For purposes of this order, the prohibitions herein shall also apply to any activity conducted pursuant to a federal cooperative agreement, federal permit, federal grant, or federal contract, regardless of whether such activity occurs on federal, state, tribal, or private land.

(c) "Non-lethal deterrence methods" include scientifically supported wildlife conflict mitigation measures such as fencing, fladry systems, range riders, guardian animals, sound or light deterrents, relocation measures, husbandry practices, and similar humane alternatives.

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## Sec. 3. Immediate Prohibition on Cyanide Devices.

(a) Effective immediately, no executive department, agency, bureau, contractor, grantee, or federally funded entity shall authorize, deploy, transport, possess for field use, purchase, fund, or support the use of any cyanide ejector device on federal lands, within any federally administered wildlife management activity, or pursuant to any federal cooperative agreement, permit, grant, or contract, regardless of land ownership or jurisdiction.

(b) No Federal funds shall be used directly or indirectly for the deployment, transport, or support of such devices.



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(c) All existing permits, agreements, authorizations, cooperative agreements, grants, contracts, or memoranda of understanding that authorize, fund, or support the use of any cyanide ejector device are hereby revoked. Affected parties may seek administrative review through the relevant agency's standard review procedures, but revocation shall take effect immediately and shall not be stayed pending such review absent a court order.

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## **Sec. 4. Non-Lethal Predator Management Standards.**

(a) Within 120 days of this order, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly issue uniform federal standards prioritizing non-lethal predator management practices.

(b) Lethal predator control measures may only be considered where:

1. Documented non-lethal measures have been reasonably attempted and exhausted;
2. An immediate and substantiated threat to human safety exists; and
3. The action complies with all applicable environmental and wildlife protection laws.

(c) All agencies shall provide annual public reporting regarding wildlife conflict mitigation activities conducted under their authority.

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## **Sec. 5. Accountability, Review, and Removal Authority.**

(a) Any federal employee, officer, contractor, or affiliated entity found to have knowingly authorized, concealed, facilitated, or deployed prohibited cyanide devices in violation of federal humane wildlife standards shall be subject to:

1. Immediate suspension pending investigation;
2. Administrative disciplinary proceedings, including termination where appropriate;
3. Permanent disqualification from future federal wildlife management authority or contracts;
4. Referral for civil or criminal enforcement where applicable.



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(b) The heads of all relevant agencies shall conduct a retroactive review of cyanide device authorizations, deployments, injuries, fatalities, concealment actions, and policy reversals occurring on or after January 20, 2025.

(c) No officer, employee, or contractor may rely upon prior departmental custom, administrative memoranda, or political instruction as immunity from review or disciplinary action under this order.

(d) Departments or offices demonstrating systemic disregard for humane wildlife protection standards may be subject to leadership removal, restructuring, funding suspension, or dissolution consistent with applicable law.

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## Sec. 6. Removal and Restoration Requirements.

Within 180 days of this order:

1. All prohibited cyanide ejector devices shall be removed from federal lands and destroyed in accordance with environmental safety standards;
2. Agencies shall publish a full accounting of prior deployments and known incidents involving injury or death to non-target animals or humans;
3. Agencies shall submit humane wildlife management transition plans to the President through the Council on Environmental Quality.

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## Sec. 7. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

1. The authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, provided that no such authority shall be construed to permit any action expressly prohibited by Sections 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this order. No prior statutory delegation of wildlife management authority, departmental custom, administrative practice, cooperative agreement, or political instruction shall be construed to authorize activities prohibited herein.
2. The functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.



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(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States.

(d) This order shall take effect immediately.

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Signed,

**Vincent Cordova**

*48<sup>th</sup> President of the United States*

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"The measure of a civilization is how it treats its weakest and most helpless citizens."

— Adopted as the Guiding Principle of This Order