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TEA PARTY SUPPORTERS, DEMOCRATS AGREE: PROTECTING OUR AIR QUALITY & PARKS PROTECTS JOBS, WESTERN WAY OF LIFE

COLORADO COLLEGE TO RELEASE NEW POLL SHOWING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR REGULATIONS, PROTECTIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS

MONDAY, JAN. 30, 2012, 1 P.M. EST

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – The results from the 2012 Colorado College State of the Rockies Conservation in the West poll will be released on a call with pollsters Lori Weigel (Republican) and Dave Metz (Democrat) on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at 1 p.m. EST.

The survey reveals that voters across the political spectrum - from Tea Party supporters to those who identify with the Occupy Wall Street movement - support upholding regulations and strengthening protections for clean air, clean water, and America's parks and public lands for the **sake of the economy, and their way of life.**

Poll results include voter attitudes toward statewide elected officials in all six states (AZ, CO, MT, NM, UT, WY) and current preferences in key "toss-up" western Senate races.

WHAT: Republican pollster Lori Weigel and Democratic pollster Dave Metz, along with Colorado College economist Walt Hecox, Ph.D, will host a call detailing the surprising results of the 2012 Colorado College Western States Survey of voters in AZ, CO, NM, MT, UT, and WY.

Poll results and materials will be released at 1 p.m. EST, Monday, Jan. 30, and will be made available online [here](#). The call will be recorded and available for download after its conclusion.

PLEASE NOTE: The conservation views of western Latino voters will be discussed in detail on a separate survey briefing call, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. EST. Spanish-language media are invited.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 30, 2012; 1 p.m. EST

WHO: **Lori Weigel**, Public Opinion Strategies
Dave Metz, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates
Walt Hecox, Ph.D, Professor of Economics, Colorado College

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BACKGROUND: The 2012 Colorado College State of the Rockies Conservation in the West was conducted by Republican pollster Lori Weigel of Public Opinion Strategies and Democratic pollster Dave Metz of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates. The poll surveyed **2,400** registered voters in six key western states (AZ, CO, MT, NM, UT, WY) January 2 through 5 & 7, 2012, and yields a margin of error of + 2.0 percent nationwide and +4.9 statewide.

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