



Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project  
2022 Conservation in the West Poll

# BLACK VOTERS

## ENVIRONMENT AT THE BALLOT BOX



**88%** of Black Voters say that issues involving clean water, wildlife, and public lands are important in deciding whether to support an elected public official.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Mara Koenig

## ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS

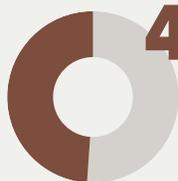


**87%** support requiring oil and gas companies to pay for all clean-up and restoration costs after drilling.



**79%** think that oil and gas development on national public lands should be stopped or strictly limited, as opposed to expanded.

## RECREATION



**49%** visited national public lands more than twice in the past year.

## PROTECTING LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE



**89%** support a national goal of protecting 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030.



**87%** support creating new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, and tribal protected areas.

## FIRE & DROUGHT CONCERNS

**81%** are concerned about more frequent and severe wildfires.

**67%** think that wildfires in the West are more of a problem than they were 10 years ago.

**82%** are concerned about droughts and reduced snowpack.

## ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

**86%** support gradually transitioning to one hundred percent clean, renewable energy over the next ten to fifteen years.

**77%** say that there is enough evidence of climate change that action should be taken.