

Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project

2023 Conservation in the West Poll

BLACK VOTERS

CONSERVATION



61% consider themselves to be conservationists.

27% consider themselves a hunter or angler.

75% support constructing wildlife crossing structures

across major highways.

COLORADO RIVER



believe the Colorado River is critical to the state's economy.

81%

believe the Colorado River is in need of urgent action.



PROTECTING 30X30



88%

support a national goal of conserving 30% of America's land and waters by the year 2030.



84%

support presidents continuing to use their ability to protect existing public lands as national monuments.

support creating new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, and tribal protected areas to protect historic sites or areas for outdoor recreation.

WATER & DROUGHT CONCERNS

82% describe the current shortage of water supplies in the West as a problem.

82% support requiring local governments to determine whether there is enough water available before approving new residential development projects.

82% support providing financial incentives to homeowners and businesses to replace lawns and grassy areas with water-saving landscaping.

ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS

74% support only allowing oil and gas companies the right to drill in areas where there is high likelihood to actually produce oil and gas.

prefer that leaders place more emphasis on protecting water, air, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities over maximizing the amount of land available for drilling and mining.

support requiring oil and gas companies, rather than federal and state governments, to pay for all of the clean-up and land restoration costs after drilling is finished.