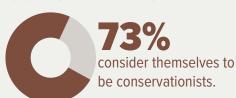
Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project

2023 Conservation in the West Poll

MONTANA

CONSERVATION



60% consider themselves a hunter or angler.



86% support constructing wildlife crossing structures across major highways.





PROTECTING 30X30

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



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

84% support enacting the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act, adding nearly eighty thousand acres of public lands to wilderness areas, creating new recreation areas, and sustaining timber harvest.

WATER & DROUGHT CONCERNS

79% describe the current shortage of water supplies in the West as a problem.

84% support requiring local governments to determine whether there is enough water available before approving new residential development projects.

62% support providing financial incentives to homeowners and businesses to replace lawns and grassy areas with water-saving landscaping.

ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS

72% 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.