

Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project
2024 Conservation in the West Poll

COLORADO

CLIMATE CHANGE



57% believe climate change is an extremely or very serious problem.

67%

have noticed significant effects from climate change over the past ten years.



92%

support protecting existing public lands surrounding the Dolores River Canyon in western Colorado.



PROTECTING 30X30



83%

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



84%

support the creation of new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, and tribal protected areas.

WATER SUPPLY



65%

believe inadequate water supply is a serious problem.



68%

think that the low level of water in rivers is a serious problem.

CONSERVATION

60%

believe that loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is an extremely or very serious problem.

87%

support constructing wildlife crossing structures across major highways that intersect with known migration routes.

82%

think more emphasis should be placed on conserving wildlife migration routes than on new development, roads, ranching, or oil and gas production in those areas.

ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS

64%

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

69%

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.

89%

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.