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

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 34% believe climate change is an extremely or very serious problem.
- 50% have noticed significant effects from climate change over the past ten years.

**WATER SUPPLY**

- 39% believe inadequate water supply is a serious problem.
- 49% think that the low level of water in rivers is a serious problem.

**CONSERVATION**

- 56% believe that loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is an extremely or very serious problem.
- 89% support constructing wildlife crossing structures across major highways that intersect with known migration routes.
- 75% 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.

**PROTECTING 30X30**

- 74% support a national goal of conserving 30 percent of America’s land and waters by the year 2030.
- 82% support the creation of new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, and tribal protected areas.

**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.
- 68% 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.
- 93% 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.