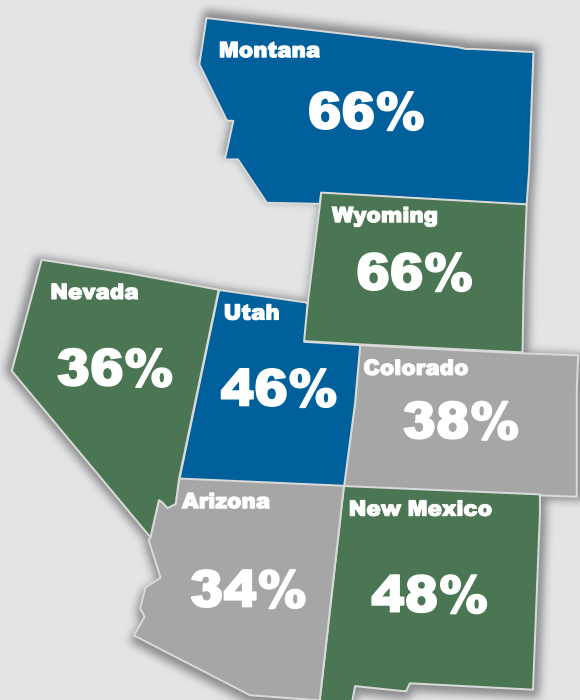


# Sportsmen

*Hunters and anglers in these Western states have strong feelings about the protection of public lands. Sportsmen back keeping national monument designations in place, and requiring oil and gas producers to use equipment to prevent methane leaks, but are opposed to giving states control of public lands.*

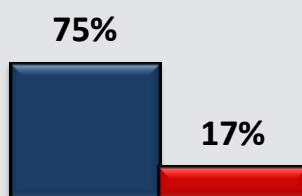
Two-in-five (41%) Western voters identify as a hunter or angler, or both. Demographically, sportsmen in the West are more likely to be male (61%), white (71%), and Republican (41%), than those who do not engage in hunting and fishing. They report voting for Trump by a 21 point margin (45% Trump/24% Clinton), with 12% saying they voted for a third party candidate. While rural voters are most apt to identify as a hunter or angler (51%), over one-third of those in urban and suburban areas do as well (36% and 34, respectively). Geographically, there are more sportsmen in Montana and Wyoming (66% of each state's voters say they are a hunter or angler), but more than one-third in every state call themselves a hunter or angler.

## Sportsmen (41%)



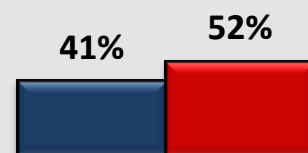
Consistently, sportsmen are one of the most likely voter sub-groups to identify as a “conservationist.” Fully 75% of hunters and 78% of anglers call themselves a conservationist. On policies affecting national public lands, sportsmen are not markedly different from the rest of the voters in the West. They are strong supporters of keeping national monuments in place (75% keep in place/17% remove), but are opposed to giving the states control over public lands (41% support/52% oppose).

### National Monument Designations







■ Keep In Place ■ Remove

### State Control of Public Lands



■ Support ■ Oppose

Sportsmen rate the federal government agencies handling of national public lands positively.

	% Approve of Agency	Total	Sportsmen	Anglers	Hunters
	<b>National Park Service</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>
	<b>U.S. Forest Service</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>76%</b>
	<b>Bureau of Land Management</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>52%</b>



Following their strong support of Trump in the Presidential election, the two actions sportsmen would MOST like to see the Trump administration take are improving and repairing the infrastructure in our national parks (71% strongly support/93% total support) and improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers (61% strongly support/88% total support). This number ties in with the 43% of sportsmen who say lack of access to hunting, fishing, or outdoor recreation areas is a problem.

Sportsmen reject efforts to open up more public lands to energy exploration. They oppose the Trump administration allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill on additional public lands (56% oppose), or allowing more coal mining on public lands (53% oppose).

