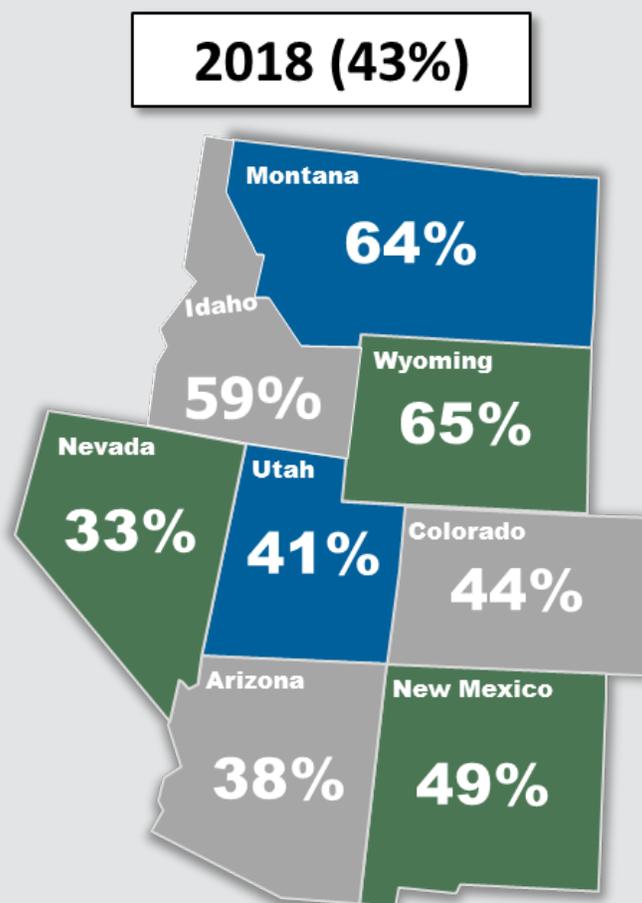


# Sportsmen

## *Sportsmen Demographics*

Just more than two-in-five (43%) of Western voters identify as a hunter or angler, or both. Looking at their demographics, sportsmen in the West are more likely to be male (58%), white (71%), and Republican (44%), than those who are not hunters or fishermen. Among voters who live in rural areas, 71% are sportsmen, but there are also a significant number of sportsmen living in urban or suburban areas (34% of voters who live in the cities or suburbs are sportsmen).

Geographically, there are more sportsmen in Wyoming (65%) and Montana (64%) but at least one-third in every state identify themselves as a hunter or angler.



*Sportsmen visit national public lands frequently.*

Fully 55% of sportsmen visited public lands six or more times in the past year, with more than a quarter (28%) visiting more than twenty times. In total, 91% of sportsmen visited public lands at least once in the last year, and 80% say they intend to visit a national park within the next year.

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*Hunters and anglers in these Western states are strong proponents of protecting public lands and other conservation measures.*

Sportsmen are one of the most likely voter sub-groups to identify as a “conservationist,” with 79% describing themselves as such, up from 75% last year.

This carries over to their feelings on protecting public lands, as 58% would prefer the Trump Administration focus on protecting clean water, air quality, and wildlife habitats on public lands, compared to 28% that would prefer the Administration focus on producing more domestic energy on public lands.

**Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands**

**58%**

**Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining**

**28%**

*Sportsmen also recognize how important public lands are to the economic future of the West.*

Three-quarters (75%) of sportsmen say that the outdoor recreation economy is very important to the economic future of the West, and 93% of sportsmen overall say the outdoor recreation economy is at least somewhat important.

Sportsmen also view the outdoor recreation economy in their states as a significant advantage when it comes to attracting jobs and innovative companies. Eighty-three percent (83%) see public lands and the lifestyle of outdoor recreation as giving Western states an advantage over other parts of the country, including a majority (53%) that say it gives the West a “big advantage.”

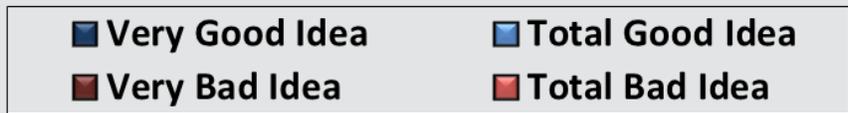
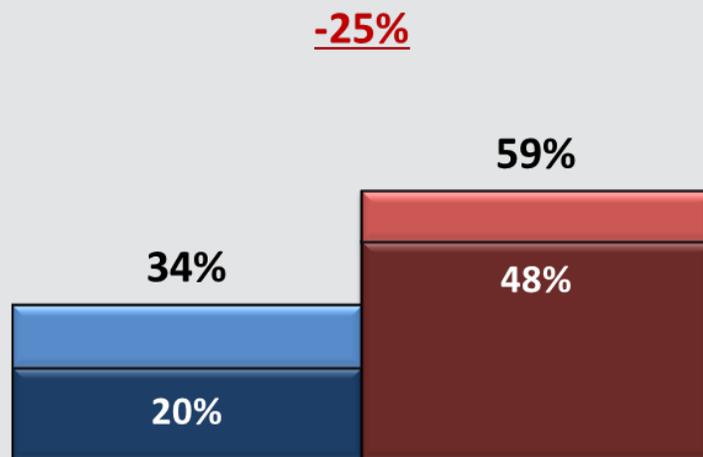
### Economic Advantages Due to Public Lands

A big advantage over other parts of the country	53%
A little advantage over other parts of the country	29%
<b>Total Advantage</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Total No Advantage</b>	<b>13%</b>
No real advantage over other parts of the country	13%

***A clear majority of sportsmen say that reducing the size of two Utah Monuments is a bad idea.***

Fully 59% of voters in this region say it is a bad idea to reduce the size and the protections on public lands in these National Monuments, while only one-in-three (34%) believe this is a good idea. As some voters are not familiar with these monuments, a brief neutral description was used so that all respondents would be reacting with the same basic information: *Thinking specifically about two national monuments in Utah – Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante, which contain fossils, petroglyphs, cliff dwellings and wildlife habitat - President Trump announced in December that the administration would remove existing national monument protections and reduce the size of the lands conserved as national monuments by approximately two million acres.*

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- By Sportsmen**



***Moving forward, 63% of sportsmen say it is a bad idea to reduce the size or change the status of other Monuments.***

In six of their eight states, voters were asked generically about changes moving forward. Sportsmen in these states say that it would be a bad idea for the administration to “eliminate protections or reduce the size of other National Monuments in the West.”