Colorado College’s State of the Rockies Project
2022 Conservation in the West Poll

NEW MEXICO

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RECREATION

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ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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FIRE & DROUGHT CONCERNS

79% are concerned about more frequent and severe wildfires.

85% are concerned about droughts and reduced snowpack.

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