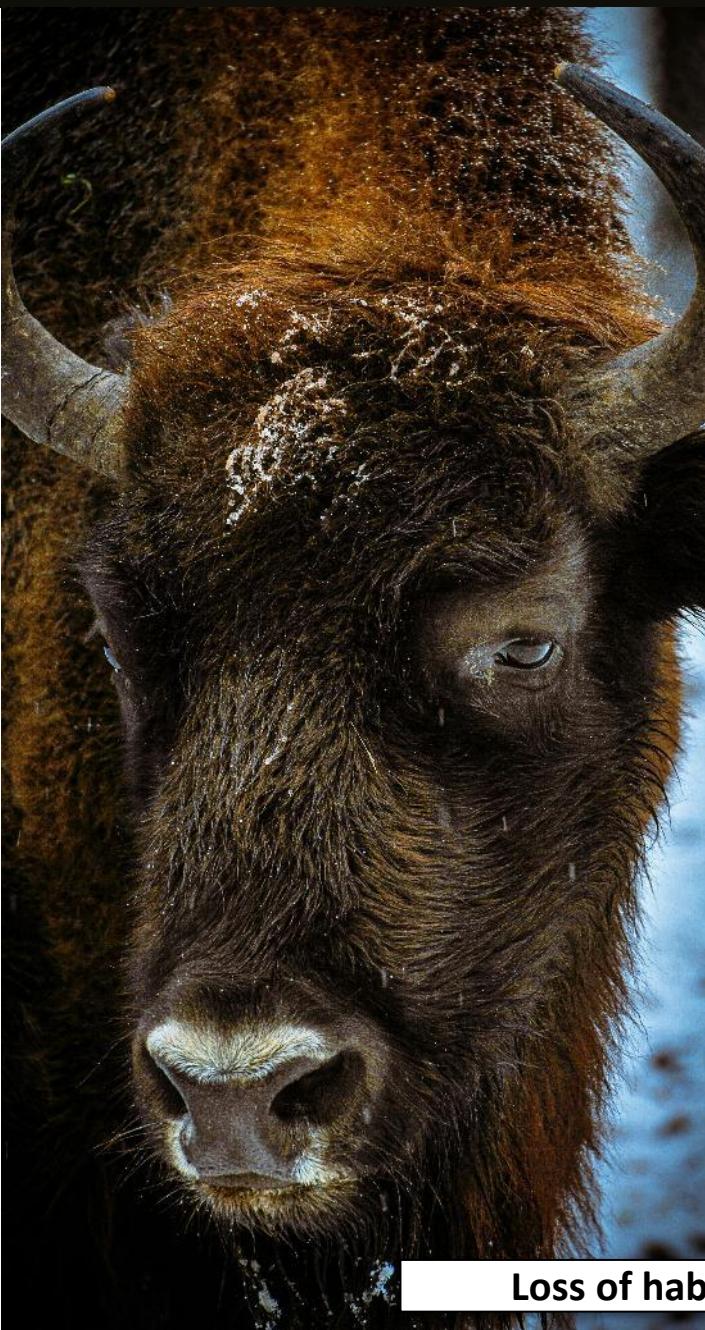


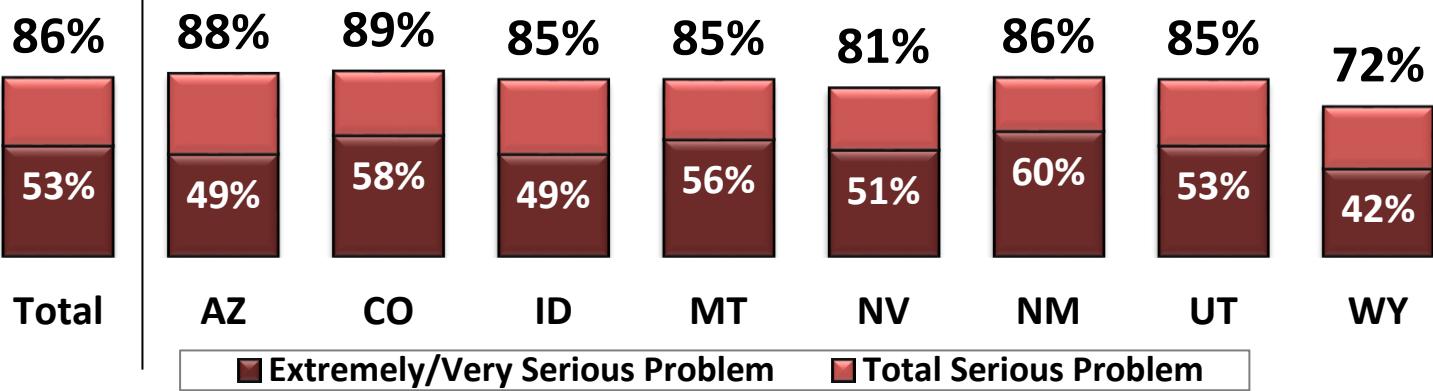
Wildlife in the West



Western voters continue to express strong concern about the loss of habitat and declining fish and wildlife populations, with attitudes remaining near record levels this year. Seven-in-ten say that rolling back protection for some species under the Endangered Species Act will have a negative impact on the West.

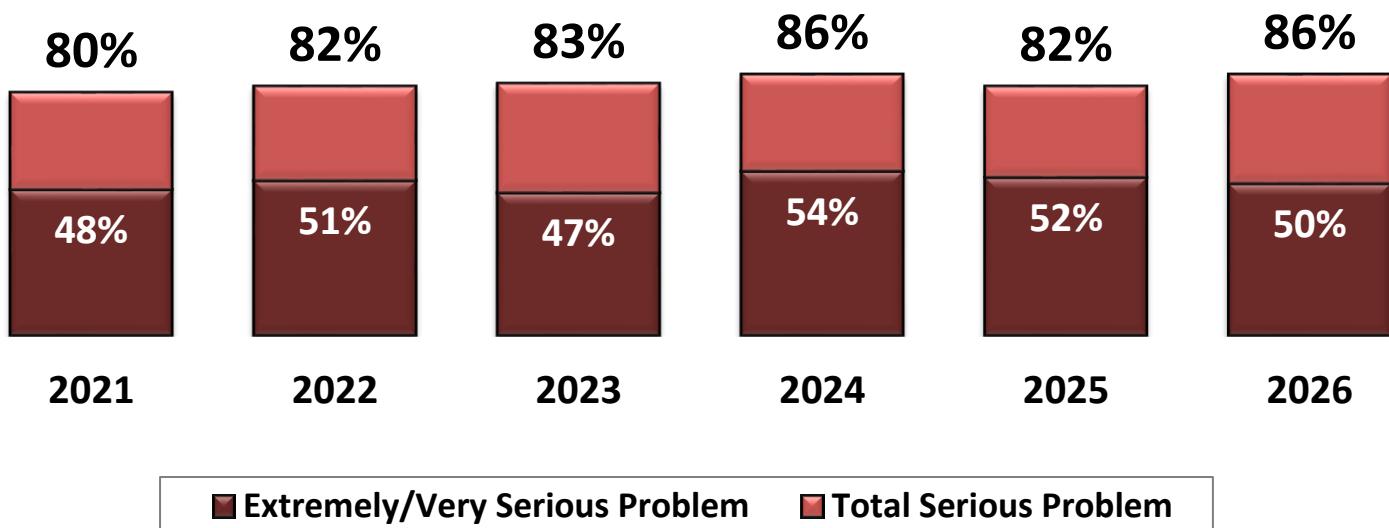
Westerners continue to express concern about loss of habitat for fish and wildlife. More than four-in-five Westerners (86 percent) say the loss of habitat is a serious problem, including a majority (53 percent) who consider it an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. These findings are within margin of error of 2024’s all-time high levels of concern (88 percent serious problem; 58 percent extremely/very serious problem). Majorities of Westerners across the region are concerned about this issue, with at least seven-in-ten voters in each of the eight states surveyed saying the loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is a serious problem.

Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife



Westerners are similarly concerned about declining fish and wildlife populations in their states. This year, 86 percent describe population declines as a serious problem, with half (50 percent) rating it as an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. Strong majorities across all major demographic subgroups (gender, age, party etc.) consider this a serious problem.

Population declines of fish and wildlife



There is widespread concern about efforts to weaken protections under the Endangered Species Act. Seven-in-ten Western voters (70 percent) say rolling back protections for some plants and wildlife currently protected under the ESA would have a negative impact on the West, including nearly half (45 percent) who say it would have a *very* negative impact. Majorities of voters across party lines and in every state say rolling back protections under the ESA would harm the region.