Colorado College's 2019 State of the Rockies
Conservation in the West Poll

A CONSERVATION MINDSET

- 69% consider themselves a conservationist
- 73% consider themselves an outdoor recreation enthusiast

WOULD YOU PREFER THE NEW CONGRESS PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON...
- 65% protecting sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands
- 24% producing more domestic energy by maximizing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

THE IMPACT OF WILDFIRE

- 69% think wildfires in the West are more of a problem than ten years ago

THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY

- 73% say the ability to live near, recreate on, and enjoy public lands like national forests, parks, or trails was a significant reason they live in the West
- 90% believe the outdoor recreation economy is important for the future of their state and the Western U.S.

PROTECTING LAND, WATER, AND WILDLIFE

- 83% believe it is important for states to use funds to protect and restore the health of rivers, lakes, and streams
- 68% believe it is important for states to use funds to conserve wildlife corridors used by wildlife for migration

PUBLIC INPUT INTO PUBLIC LAND DECISIONS

- 14% think it was a good decision to reduce the amount of time the public can comment on changes to public lands, such as oil and gas leasing
- 59% think it was a bad decision

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