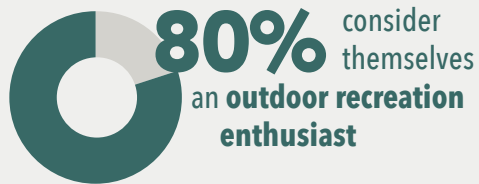
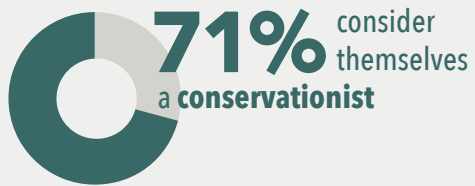


Colorado College's 2019 State of the Rockies
Conservation in the West Poll

MONTANA

A CONSERVATION MINDSET



WOULD YOU PREFER THE NEW CONGRESS PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON...

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

60%



THE IMPACT OF WILDFIRE



68% think wildfires in the West are more of a **problem** than ten years ago

30%



...**producing more domestic energy** by maximizing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY



75% 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**

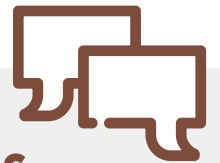


90% believe the **outdoor recreation economy is important** for the future of their state and the Western U.S.

PROTECTING LAND, WATER, AND WILDLIFE

76% believe it is important for states to use funds to **protect and restore the health of rivers, lakes, and streams**

61% believe it is important for states to use funds to **conserve wildlife corridors** used by wildlife for migration



PUBLIC INPUT INTO PUBLIC LAND DECISIONS

20% 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

55% think it was a **bad decision**