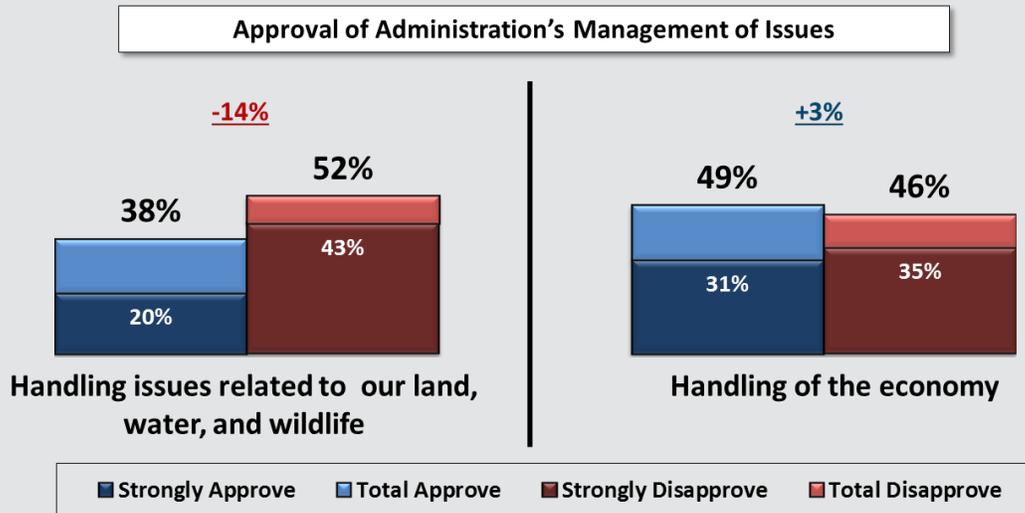


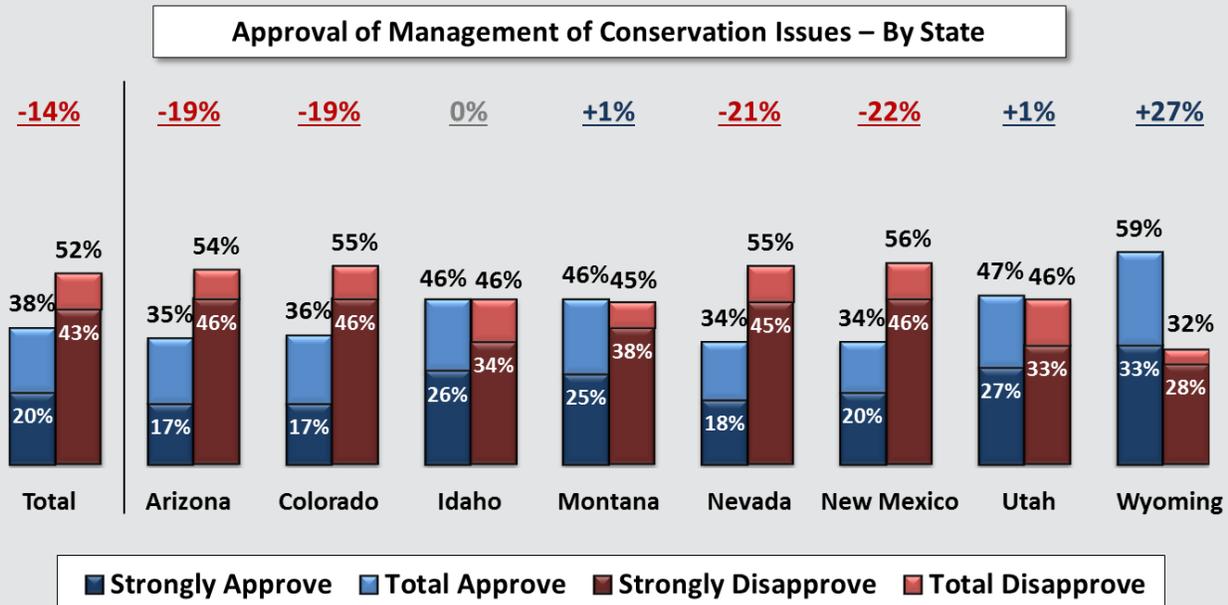
Conservation in a New Era

Overall, Westerners tend to give the Administration lower marks for its handling of conservation issues than for its handling of economic ones.

Voter approval for the way the Administration is handling issues related to land, water, and wildlife sits at 38% approve, with 52% disapproving, including 43% who say they strongly disapprove. In contrast, close to half (49%) of voters in the West approve of the way President Trump and his Administration are handling the economy, while 46% disapprove.



Wyoming (59%/32%) is the one state in the West where a majority of voters approve of the way Trump and his administration are handling issues to related land, water, and wildlife.



By nearly a three-to-one margin, voters advocate for the Administration emphasizing conservation over energy production on national public lands.

Sixty-four percent (64%) of voters prefer that there is more of an 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,” rather than on producing more domestic energy on public lands by making more land available for “responsible oil and gas drilling and mining.”

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

64%

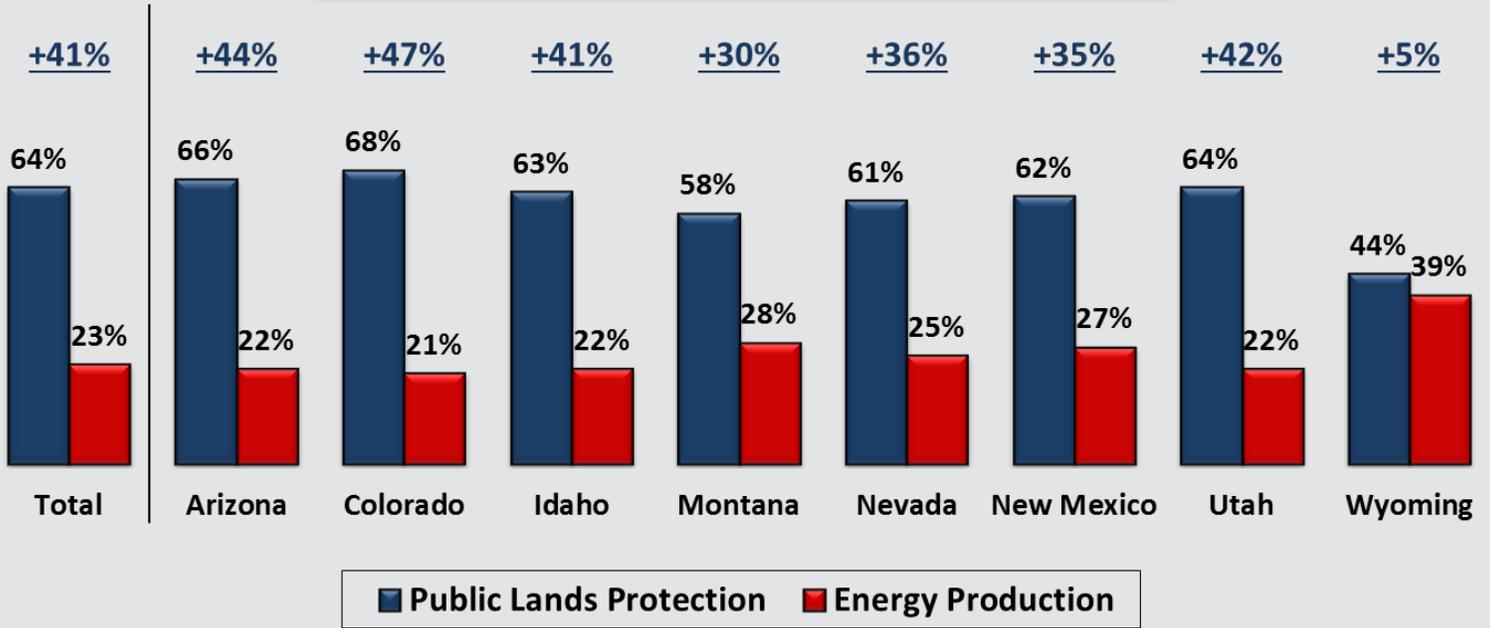
Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

23%



In every single state, voters advise placing a greater emphasis on protection over production.

Preferred Emphasis for Public Lands – By State



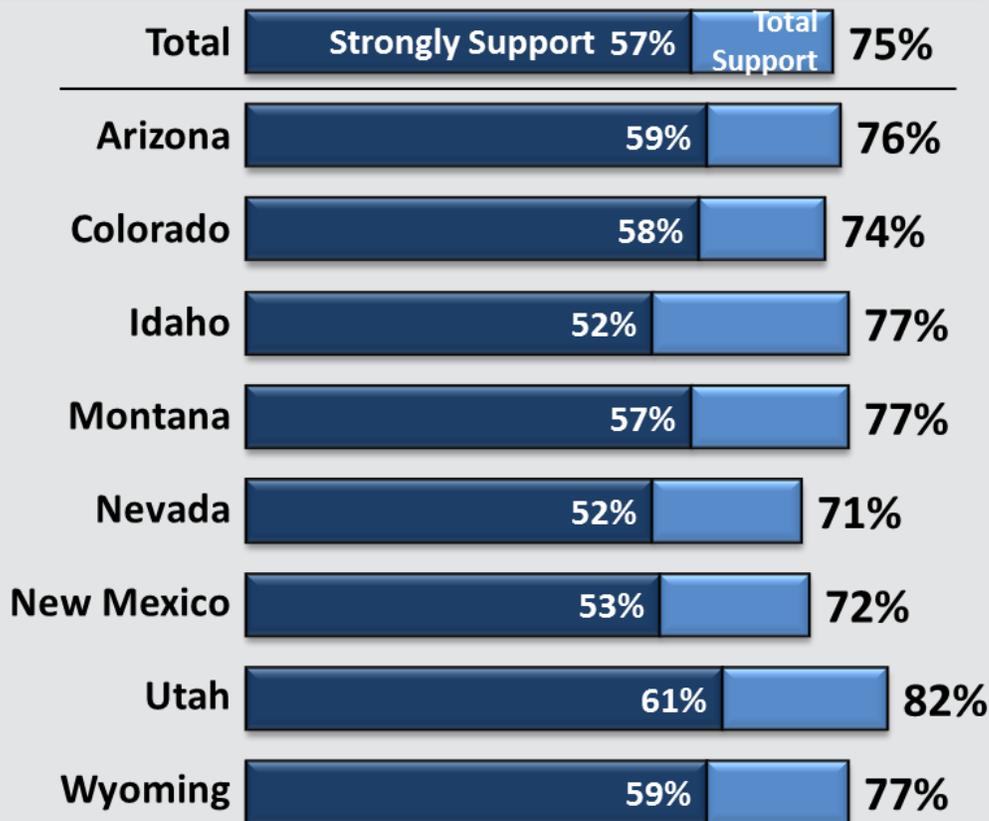
There are distinctions based on partisan affiliation. Republicans prefer protecting lands by a six point margin (43% protect public lands/37% energy production), while Independents (70%/18%) are more closely aligned with Democrats (84%/11%) on this issue.



There is very strong support for methane requirements on oil and gas producers which operate on national public lands.

More than seven-in-ten voters in each of the Western States support methane requirements, and a majority of voters in all of these states – including energy rich Wyoming - strongly support these types of requirements on oil and gas producers who are drilling and mining on public lands.

Support for Methane Requirements – By State

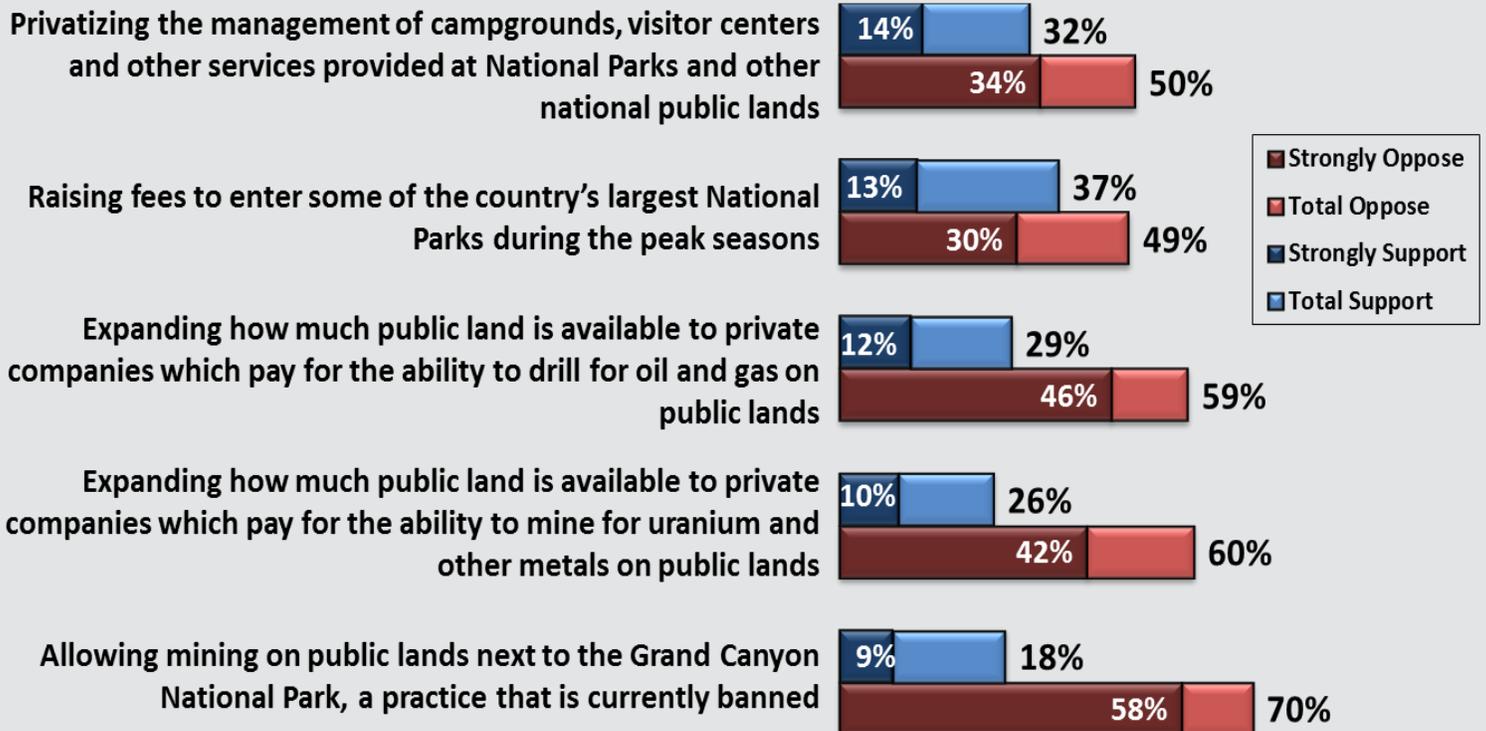


Support for methane requirements also reaches across party lines, with 78% of Republicans, 78% of Independents, and 70% of Democrats backing these requirements on oil and gas producers operating on public lands.

Western voters tend to oppose a number of actions regarding public lands implemented or proposed last year.

There is no action affecting public lands that has been taken or is being considered that tops 40% in support, and several of these actions are opposed by a clear majority of voters in the West.

Actions Ranked by % Strongly Support



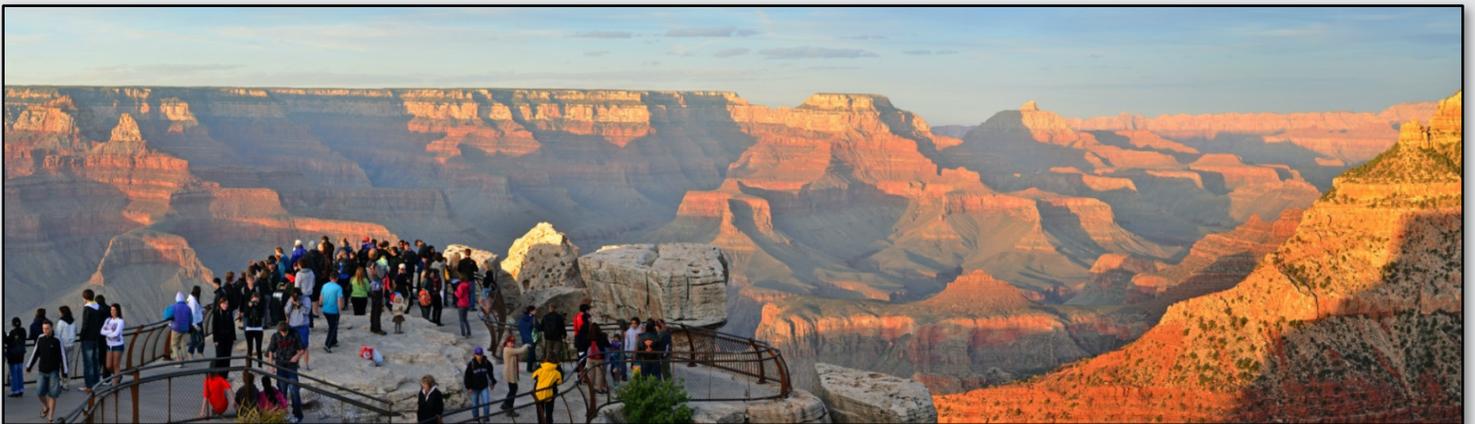
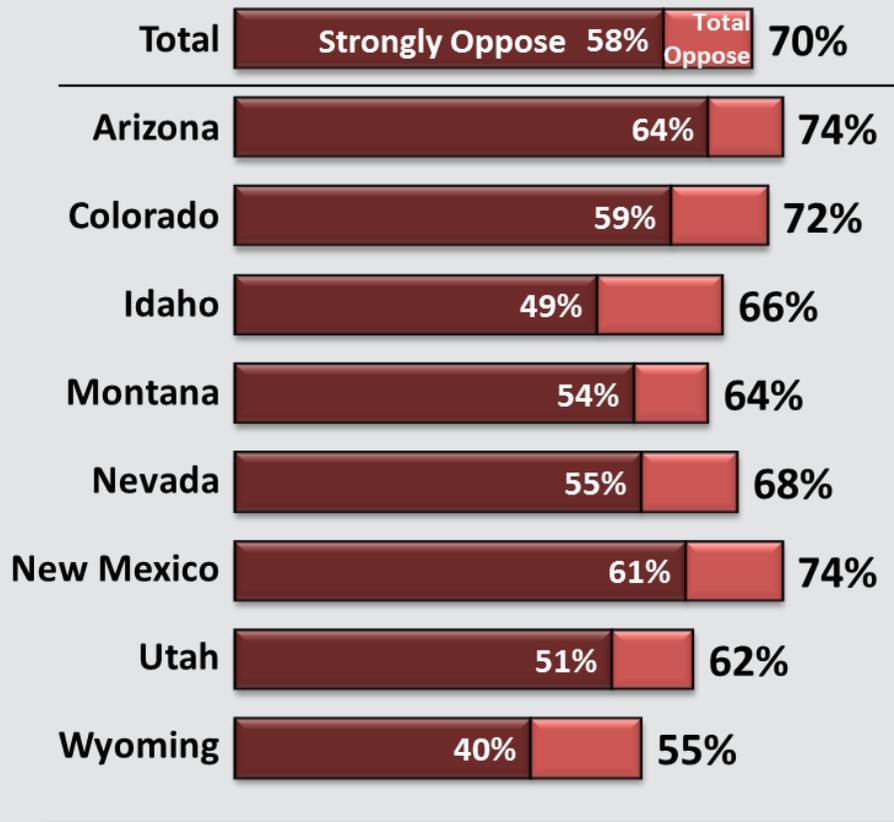
Opposition to these actions is strongest among Democrats, but a majority of Independents are opposed to all of these actions, with the lone exception of raising fees to enter the largest national parks during peak season.

<i>Actions Ranked by % Strongly Oppose</i>	Total							
	Strongly Oppose	Total Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Total Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Total Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Total Oppose
Allowing mining on public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park, a practice that is currently banned	58%	70%	37%	52%	62%	76%	80%	87%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to drill for oil and gas on public lands	46%	59%	21%	35%	50%	67%	71%	81%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to mine for uranium and other metals on public lands	42%	60%	20%	41%	44%	63%	69%	80%
Privatizing the management of campgrounds, visitor centers and other services provided at National Parks and other national public lands	34%	50%	21%	36%	37%	54%	45%	64%
Raising fees to enter some of the country's largest National Parks during the peak seasons	30%	49%	29%	48%	29%	46%	32%	53%



Allowing mining on public lands next to Grand Canyon National Park sparks the most intense opposition, particularly among Arizona voters. However, a majority of voters in each of these Western States are opposed to mining in the public lands that adjoin Grand Canyon National Park, and more than 50% in six of the eight states are strongly opposed.

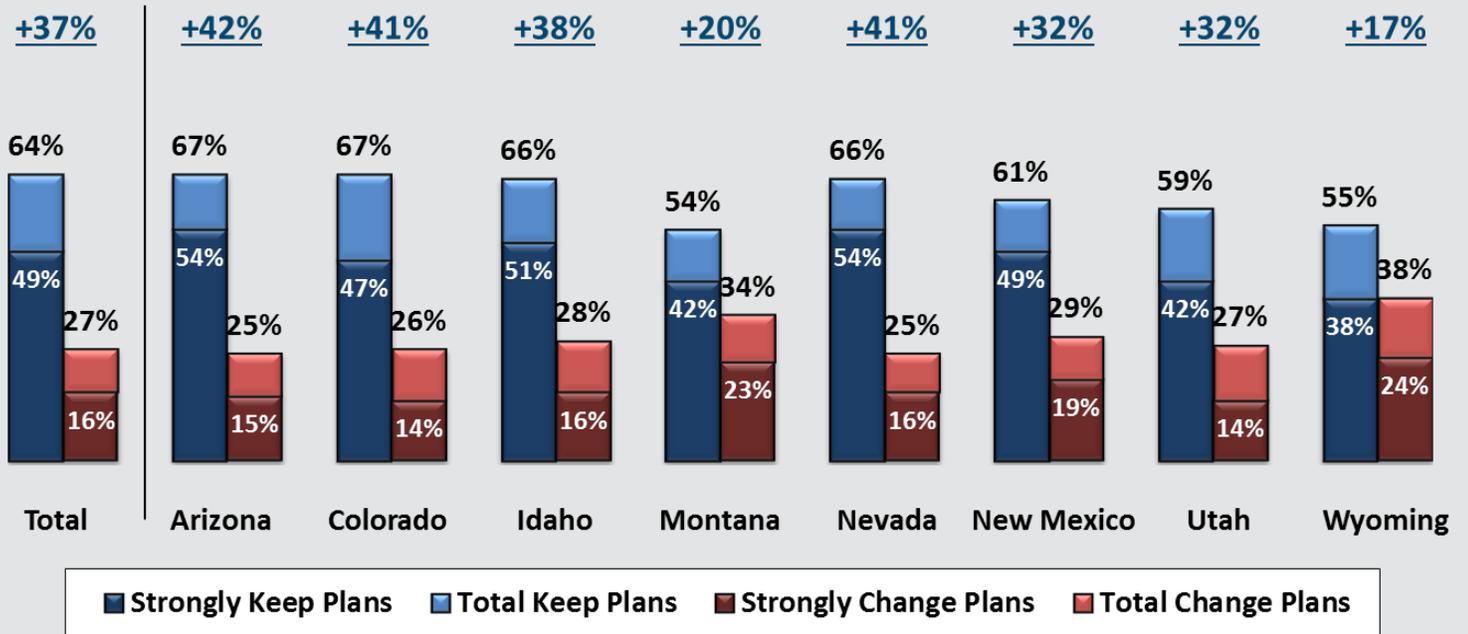
Opposition to Mining Public Lands Next to the Grand Canyon – By State



More than 60% of voters say they want to keep current plans to protect sage grouse habitat.

A clear majority (64%) of Western state voters back keeping the plans to protect sage grouse habitat that were created three years ago, while only 27% support the Interior Department’s desire to change these plans.

Keep or Change Sage Grouse Protection Plans – By State



Support for staying with the current plans to protect the habitat of the sage grouse population also tops 50% in each of the Western states, and exceeds 60% in Arizona (67%), Colorado (67%), Nevada (66%), and New Mexico (61%).