



Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project
2021 Conservation in the West Poll

AFRICAN AMERICANS

READY FOR BOLD ACTION



60% of African Americans are **worried about the future of nature.** African Americans are ready to see action.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Mara Koenig

ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS



81% would prefer their Member of Congress **emphasize conservation and recreation** on public lands **over** maximizing the amount of land available for responsible energy development.



82% think that **oil and gas development on national public lands should be stopped or strictly limited,** as opposed to expanded.

PROTECTING LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE



90% support a national goal of **protecting 30 percent of America's lands and oceans by 2030.**



91% support **creating new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, and tribal protected areas.**

CONSERVATION FUNDING

91% agree that even with state budget problems, we should still find money to protect the state's land, water, and wildlife.

86% support **directing funding to ensure adequate access to parks and natural areas** for lower-income people and communities of color that have disproportionately lacked them.

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

82% support **gradually transitioning to one hundred percent clean, renewable energy** over the next ten to fifteen years.

75% support making **public lands a net-zero source of carbon pollution.**