



Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project
 2025 Conservation in the West Poll

UTAH

CLIMATE CHANGE



47% believe climate change is an extremely or very serious problem.



65% support the government taking action to reduce carbon pollution that contributes to climate change.



Bryce Canyon National Park
 National Park Service

PROTECTED AREAS



82% believe that existing national monument designations from the last decade should be kept in place.



57% oppose giving state government control over national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges.

WATER SUPPLY



67% believe inadequate water supply is a serious problem.



65% think that the low level of water in rivers is a serious problem.

CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE

53% believe that loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is an extremely or very serious problem.

58% oppose reducing protections for some of the rare plants and animals protected under the Endangered Species Act.

85% prefer decisions about public lands, water, and wildlife be made by career professionals such as rangers, scientists, and firefighters rather than new appointed officials who come from other industries.

ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS

72% support only allowing oil and gas companies the right to drill in areas where there is high likelihood to actually produce oil and gas.

76% prefer that leaders place more emphasis on protecting water, air, wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities over maximizing the amount of land available for drilling and mining.

96% support keeping the requirement that oil and gas companies, rather than taxpayers, pay for all of the clean-up and land restoration costs after drilling is finished.