

2016 Fact Sheet



World class recreation and resource management

Economic significance of the outdoors

Accounting for an estimated \$34.5 billion annually in total economic impact, wildlife and outdoor recreation represent important parts of Colorado's heritage, quality of life and economy. Angling, hunting, state park visitation and wildlife viewing contribute roughly \$6.1 billion annually in economic effects statewide. Fishing and hunting have a total combined economic effect in Colorado of more than \$2.8 billion. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is playing a pivotal roll in the Governor's Colorado the Beautiful initiative.

Parks offer much more than terrific views

Colorado's 42 state parks protect habitat, provide recreation and many offer hunting and fishing opportunities. Park rangers, volunteers and partners provide classes on safe boating practices, beginning hunting and fishing clinics and wildflower identification to name a few examples. This past year, active duty military and veterans could enter any Colorado state park in August for free. Over 6,600 people took advantage of this exciting opportunity.



Conservation benefits wildlife and habitat

Through ongoing partnerships with other conservation groups and working farms and ranches, strategic planning

and wise resource investments, CPW continues to provide quality wildlife management and outdoor recreation.

CPW manages the largest elk herd in North America, with an estimated population of 264,000 animals. This elk herd provides hunters with healthy locally sourced food. Additionally people from around the world enjoy watching elk in their natural habitat. CPW also stocks more than 90 million fish throughout the state from 19 state fish hatcheries and rearing units. Coloradans have fishing access to over 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs and 9,500 miles of streams.



CPW manages over 350 State Wildlife Areas and protects over 900 wildlife species in Colorado. In 2015, CPW protected 31,955 acres of sage-grouse habitat, cooperated on black-footed ferret reintroductions, stocked native fish and managed distribution of native fish across the state.

Outdoor recreation, a native priority

The top reasons Coloradans choose to live here are the state's clean environment, access to public lands and outdoor recreation opportunities and residents' ability to maintain a healthy outdoor lifestyle. Over 80 percent of Coloradans participate in trail-related activities, making these the most popular forms of outdoor recreation.



Economic Significance of Outdoor Recreation

SHOWN IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



¹ Source: Economic contributions of Outdoor Recreation in Colorado, 2014, Southwick Associates and CPW.

² Estimated with visitor expenditure data taken from the 2009 State Parks Market Assessment Study (Corona Research) and a conservative industry economic multiplier.

2014 Statewide Outdoor Recreation Activity Days³

SHOWN IN MILLIONS OF DAYS



³ Source: 2014 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Colorado Parks & Wildlife At-A-Glance

FUNDING SOURCES: \$213.9*

50% \$107.4 • Licenses, Passes, Fees and Permits

18% \$38.5 • Federal, State Grants and Loans

17% \$36.7 • Lottery and Great Outdoors Colorado

7% \$13.7 • Sales, Donations, Interest and Other

4% \$8.8 • Registrations

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USE OF FUNDS: \$213.9*

43% \$91.8 • Personnel Services

25% \$53.5 • Operating

12% \$26.0 • Capital Equipment/Improvements

7% \$15.7 • Grants to Others

6% \$13.4 • Payments to Other Agencies

4% \$8.2 • Reserve Fund Increase

3% \$5.3 • Land and Water Acquisitions

*All figures shown in millions

Visitation and Participation, FY14-15
State Park Visitation: 12,464,445
Total Hunting and Fishing Licenses Sales: 1,623,522



	HUNTING LICENSES	FISHING LICENSES	COMBINATION
Resident	382,320	686,973	80,242
Non-Resident	107,898	366,089	-

GOCO and Lottery FY14-15 Award



Parks Purpose - \$17,810,153
Wildlife Purpose - \$11,800,000
Lottery - \$12,800,000

Working Together

Connecting all Coloradans to the outdoors requires a network of committed volunteers and partner organizations working together. Without our 6,000 volunteers, hundreds of partner organizations and friends groups working alongside agency staff, our education and outreach programs would only be able to accomplish a fraction of what we do every day. We engage our partners and volunteers by:

- Hosting the annual Partners in the Outdoors conference
- Providing hundreds of opportunities for volunteer projects
- Training volunteers to represent CPW as certified instructors
- Inviting volunteers to represent CPW at community events and in state parks



CPW Vision Statement

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is a national leader in wildlife management, conservation, and sustainable outdoor recreation for current and future generations.

Employees and Volunteers

Authorized Permanent Employees - 886
 Temporary Employees - 1,696
 Volunteers: 6,084
 Volunteer Hours: 307,080
 Volunteer Dollar Equivalent: \$7.1 million
 FTE Equivalent: 148

Schools in the Outdoors

CPW connects our youngest citizens to the places they live by connecting students and teachers to outdoor learning resources. We are committed to extending learning beyond the classroom through:

- Schools and Outdoor Learning Environments Program (SOLE)
- Outdoor Understanding for Teachers (OUT), Teaching Environmental Science Naturally (TEN) and other teacher professional development opportunities
- National Archery in the Schools Program
- Field trips to Colorado state parks and state fish hatcheries

For more information on CPW financial sustainability please visit

cpw.state.co.us/financialsustainability

