

Colorado Department of Natural Resources



Dan Gibbs
Executive Director



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Department Divisions

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Division of Water Resources
- Colorado State Land Board
- Colorado Avalanche Information Center
- Division of Forestry (staffed by Colorado State Forest Service)



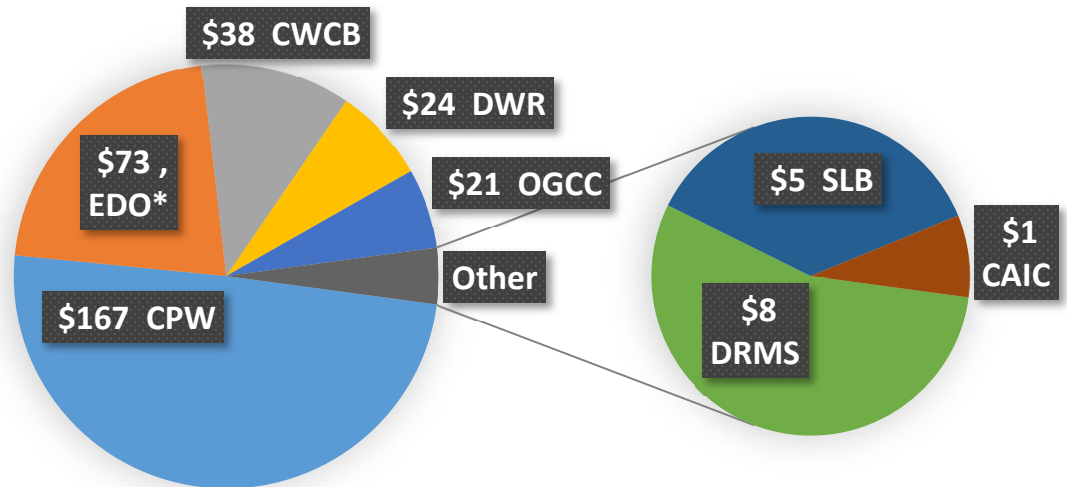
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Colorado Department of Natural Resources FY 2019-20 Budget

Division	FTE
Executive Director's Office (EDO)	41.3
CO Avalanche Information Center (CAIC)	11.3
Division of Reclamation and Mining (DRMS)	65.8
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGCC)	147.3
State Land Board (SLB)	42
CO Parks and Wildlife (CPW)	894.5
CO Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	46.7
Division of Water Resources (DWR)	254
Total	1,502.9

Total Appropriation By Division

(\$ shown are in rounded millions)



*The Executive Director's budget includes funding for administrative personal services and operating expenses, department-wide common policies, and annual Species Conservation Trust Fund projects.



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DNR's *Wildly* Important Goals

1. Appoint and confirm interim Oil and Gas Commission and complete initial rulemakings
2. Increase sustainable revenue sources for CPW
3. Increase acres of public access from 1.4 to 1.7 million acres



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CPW's Economic Impact

State Park Visits
\$1.2 Billion



Hunting
\$0.84 Billion



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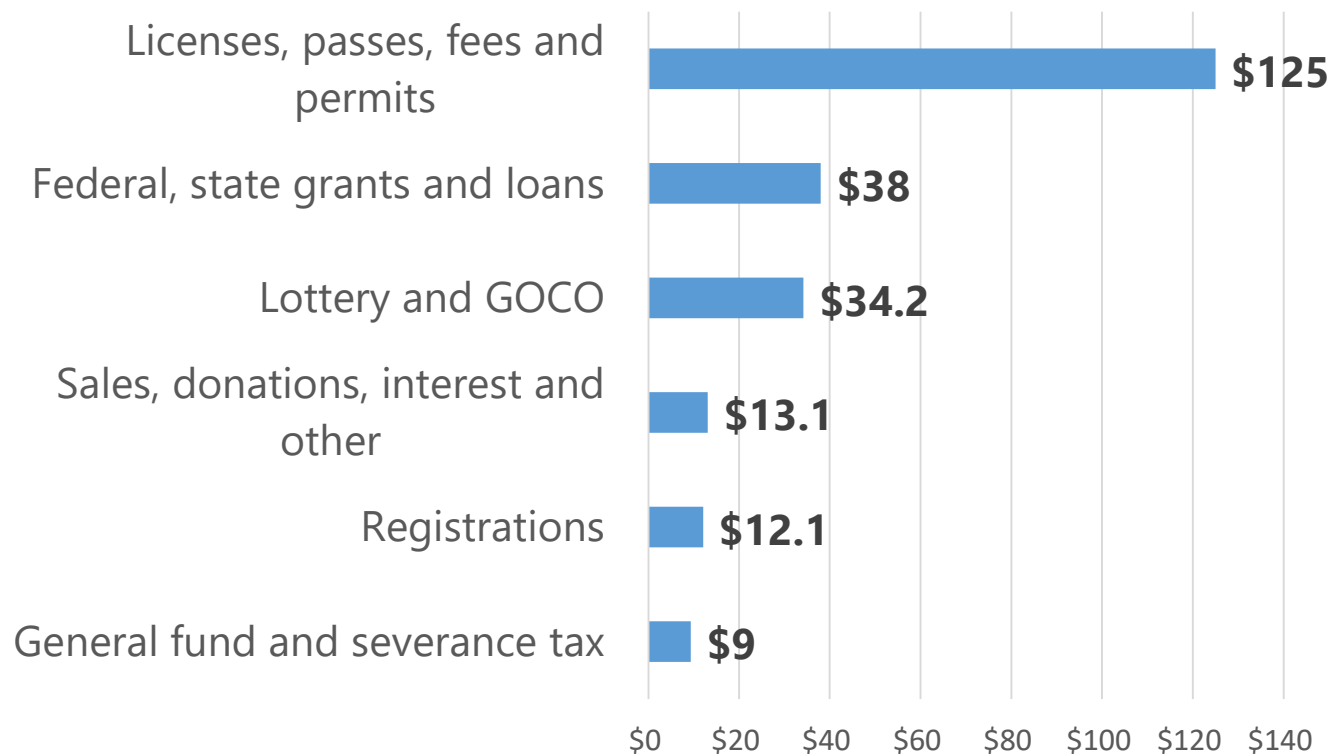
CPW's Economic Impact



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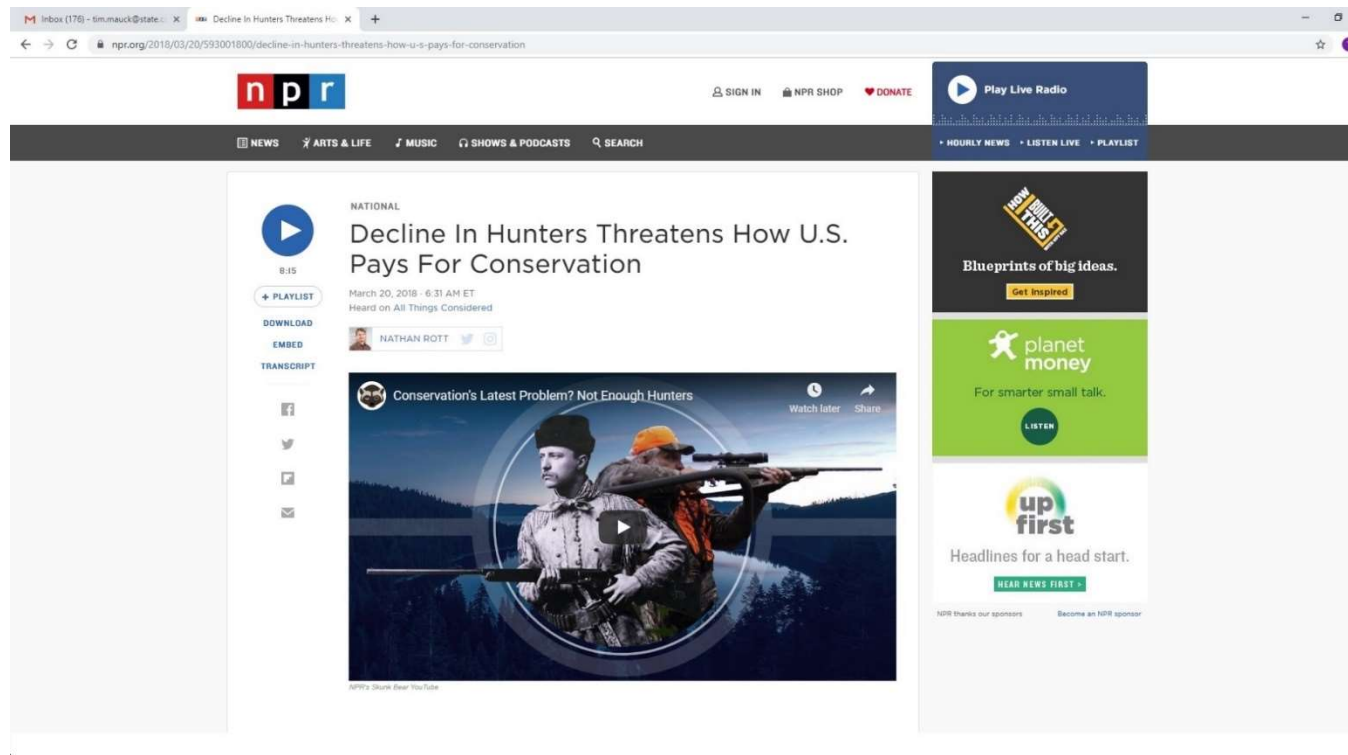
CPW's Annual Budget

\$231.8 budget FY 17-18



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Funding Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation



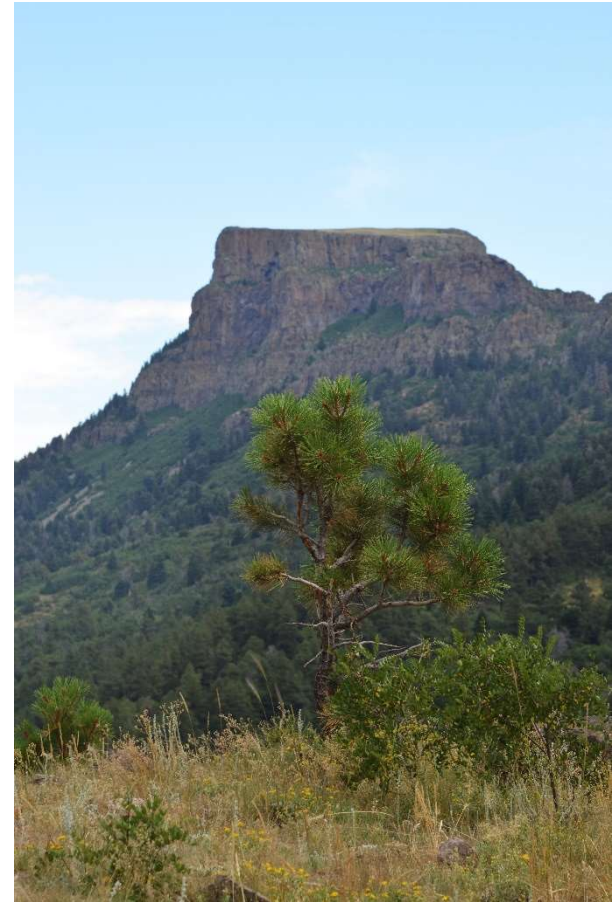
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Colorado's Newest State Park: Fisher's Peak

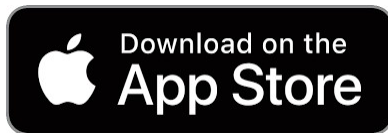


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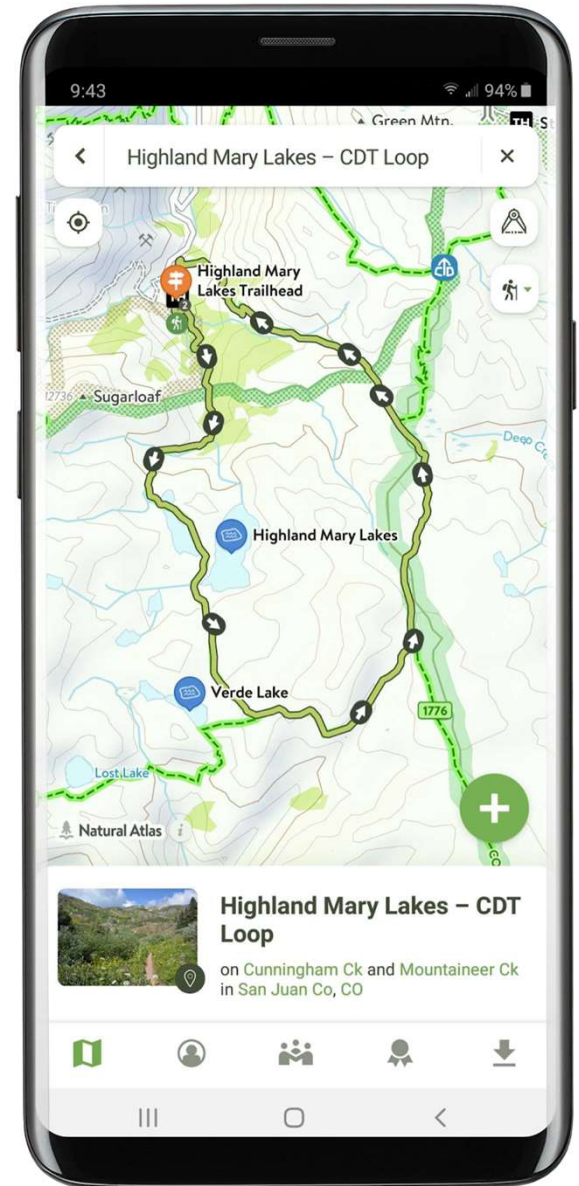


Colorado's Official Trails App

The first trails app in the nation to include all trail users and every official trail in the state
(that's over 45,000 miles!)



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Wildlife Corridors Executive Order

Signed by Governor in August, 2019

Follows Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 2018-3362

Directs Colorado Parks and Wildlife to identify:

- Corridors, threats, data gaps, other barriers
- Policy, regulatory and legislative opportunities to conserve seasonal big game habitat and migration corridors based on scientific data

Directs Colorado Department of Transportation to:

- Consider big game migration into all levels of its planning process in order to enable safe wildlife passage and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions

CDOT and DNR coordinate and leverage agencies' expertise to achieve goals of Executive Order



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Wildlife Corridors: More of this...



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CO Avalanche Information Center by the Numbers

- 2,211 avalanches reported since October 1st
 - 56 people caught in 47 events; 4 fatalities
- Over 200 backcountry avalanche forecasts issued
- Approx. 200 explosives have triggered 71 avalanches, closing roads for 15 hours total
- Nearly 100 avalanche awareness and safety courses taught to over 5,000 students



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Federal Coordination: Shared Stewardship with USFS

- USFS implementing Shared Stewardship Investment Strategy outlining plans to work more closely with states
- USFS and DNR signed MOU in October 2019

Core Elements:

1. Coordinate to prioritize cross-boundary stewardship at the state level.
2. Use mapping and decision tools to do the **right work** in the **right places** and at the **right scale** to mitigate risk.
3. Use all available tools for active management.

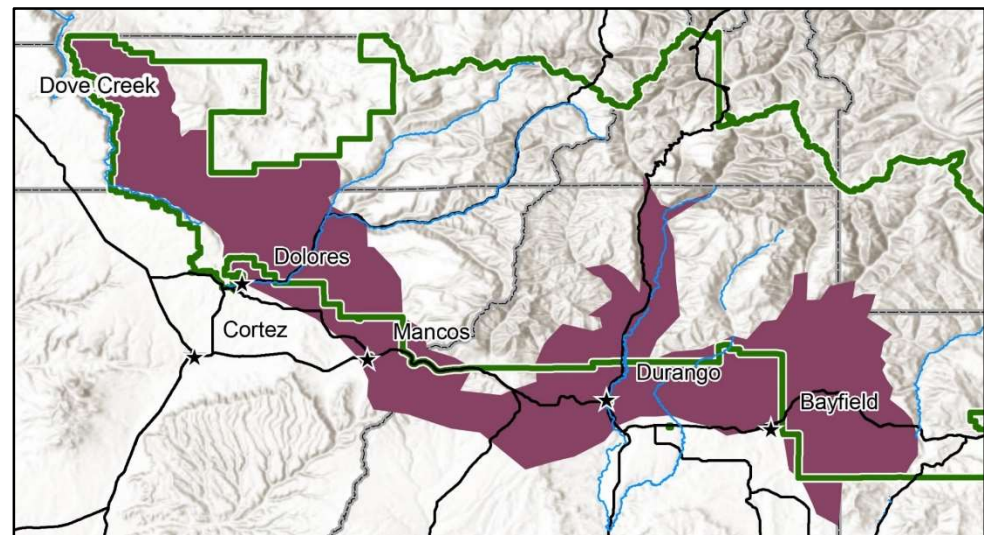


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Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative

- A national USFS/NWTF initiative to restore critical forest landscapes in the Rocky Mountains.
- Colorado selected as the focal state
- Pilot Shared Stewardship project selected in Southwest Colorado
- Arkansas Headwaters and Upper South Platte also selected for support from over 40 partner organizations

Southwest Colorado



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Security of the Colorado River

2019 Major Milestones:

- Drought Contingency Plans
- Colorado River Commissioner

Moving Forward:

- Demand Management Feasibility Investigation
- Re-negotiating 2007 Interim Guidelines



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Implementing Colorado's Water Plan



- Water Plan Technical Update
- Basin Implementation Plans
- 2022 Water Plan Update
- Water Plan Funding



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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

- SB 19 181 Signed into law, April 16, 2019
- Major overhaul of Colorado oil and gas law
- Puts health, safety & environment first
- Allows local governments increased oversight over oil & gas operations



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2020 Legislative Efforts

- **Colorado Search and Rescue Act** addresses the challenges with the state's backcountry search and rescue system. Colorado's search and rescue program currently averages 3,600 search-and-rescue incidents per year
- The **CWCB Water Projects Bill** includes funding to support and implement Colorado's Water Plan
- The **Species Conservation Trust Fund** supports habitat improvement, research, wildlife monitoring and legal support
- Securing funding to open **Fisher's Peak**, Colorado's newest State Park



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Questions?

