

# 2013 Fact Sheet



## A REVIEW OF STATEWIDE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

### Colorado Parks And Wildlife: Life In The Active Tense

The merger of Colorado State Parks and the Colorado Division of Wildlife brought together two national conservation leaders that have provided healthy outdoor recreation for generations of Coloradans and visitors from around the world. Today, our employees are working harder than ever to deliver the programs that touch the lives of millions of people every year.

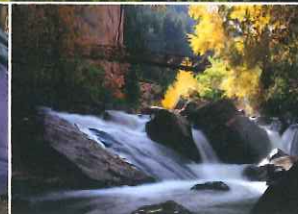
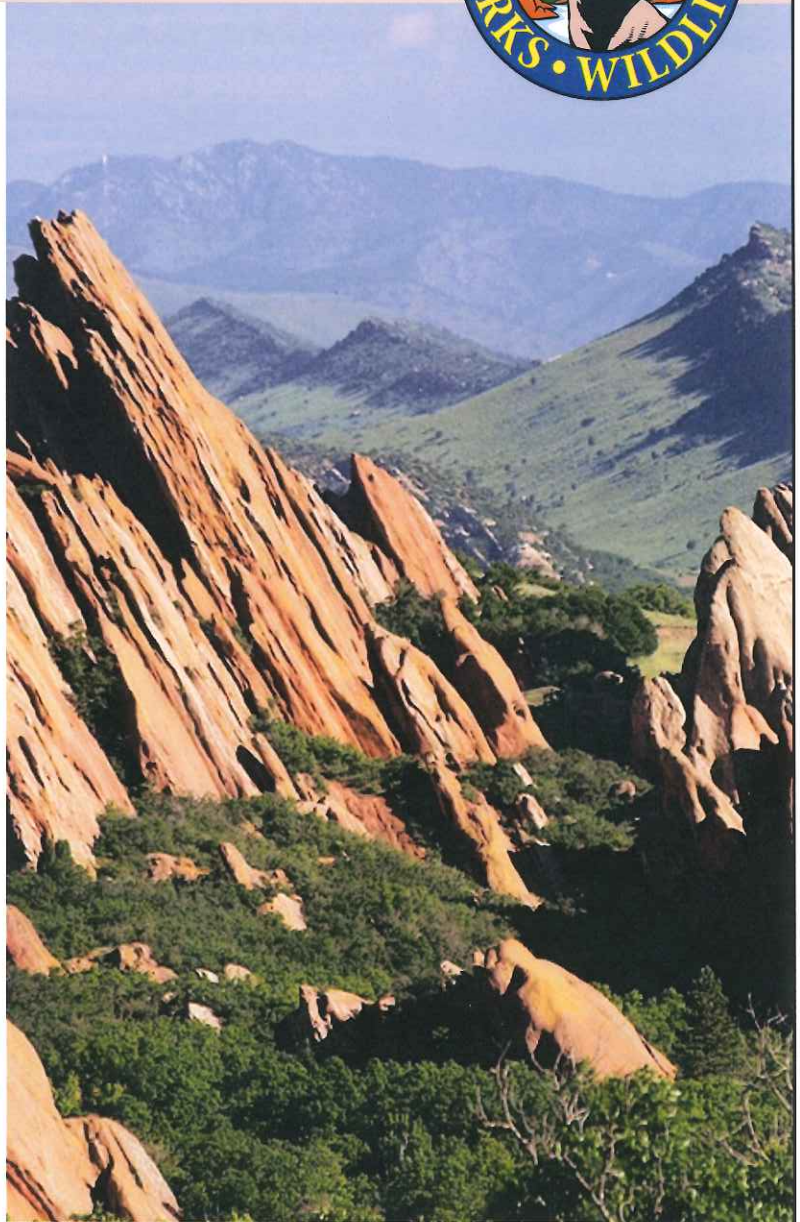
Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 42 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas and all 960 species of Colorado wildlife. In concert with other agencies, we manage boating, off highway vehicles, snowmobiling and the state's important recreational trails program. Our state parks provide clean, family-friendly outdoor opportunities in some of the prettiest settings in Colorado.

We manage world-class big game herds and the hunting seasons that are as important to Colorado's rural communities as the snow season is to our resort communities. From walleye to wild trout, we manage fisheries that provide opportunity for a million anglers every year. Colorado's diverse wildlife lures hardy birders looking to round out their life lists and thousands who flock to Estes Park during sunny September for the annual Elk Fest.

Together our parks and wildlife programs generate an estimated \$4 billion in annual economic activity - an impact second only to skiing as a driver of our tourism industry. Every year, state parks host 12 million visits, about the same number of times a hunter or angler steps out for a day afield. CPW is one of the largest and most important supporters of trail-based recreation, almost half of Coloradans say they participate in every month.

Colorado is truly an outdoor recreation paradise. And our employees come to work every day committed to making the great outdoors come to life.

Rick D. Cables, Director  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife



# Colorado Parks & Wildlife Facts and Figures

## Activity Days and Visitation

<b>State Park Visitation</b>	<b>12,235,771</b>	
Resident	10,767,478	
Non-Resident	1,468,293	
Return Visits	22 visits/year (average visits within past 12 months)	
Most Popular Activities	Trails, Fishing, Camping, Boating	
<b>Hunting Activity Days*</b>		<b>Fishing Activity Days*</b>
Resident	1,587,478	9,995,000
Non-Resident	619,000	471,000
<b>Hunting Licenses (FY 11-12)</b>		<b>Fishing Licenses (FY 11-12)</b>
Resident	489,327	689,464
Non-Resident	86,493	361,257

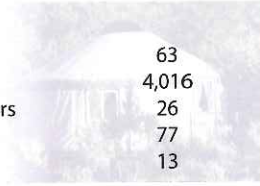
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## Parks and Wildlife Inventory

<b>Number of Parks</b>	<b>42</b>
Recreational/water-based parks:	23
Resource-based parks:	16
River Corridor parks:	3

### State Park Facilities

Cabins, yurts, tipis	63
Campsites	4,016
Visitor/welcome centers	26
Boat Ramps:	77
Marinas:	13



### Wildlife Areas

State Wildlife Areas	348
State Fish Hatcheries	19

## Visitor Expenditures

<b>Park Visitor (FY 11-12)</b>		
Direct	\$570 million	
Total Economic Impact	\$1.7 billion	
<b>Hunting*</b>		
Direct	\$235.7 million	<b>Big Game</b>
Total Economic Impact	\$403.7 million	\$56.9 million
		<b>Small Game</b>
		\$98.7 million
<b>Fishing*</b>		
Direct	\$725.2 million	
Total Economic Impact	\$1.3 billion	
<b>Watchable Wildlife*</b>		
Direct	\$703.2 million	
Total Economic Impact	\$1.2 billion	



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## Employees and Volunteers

### CPW Employees

Full Time Employee (FTE)	932
Temporary workers	1,077

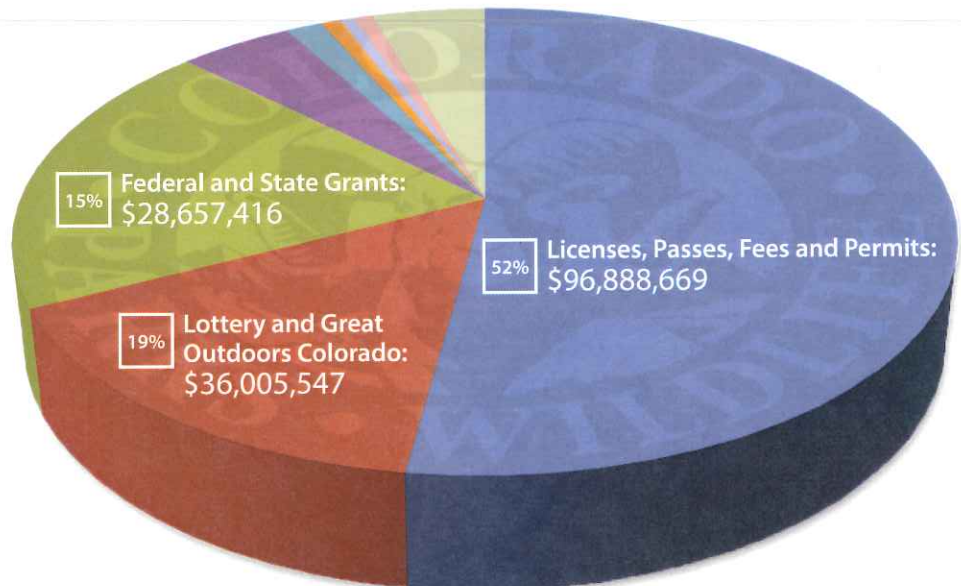
### Parks & Wildlife Volunteers (Calendar Year 2011)

Individuals	9,561
Hours	296,244
FTE Equivalent	142



## Colorado Parks & Wildlife Revenue FY11-12: \$185,353,286

5%	<b>Registrations:</b>	\$8,557,113
1%	<b>Sale of Goods, Services and Assets</b>	\$2,761,584
1%	<b>Donations</b>	\$1,471,773
1%	<b>Interest Income</b>	\$1,066,313
1%	<b>Other Revenues</b>	\$1,430,794
5%	<b>Severance Tax:</b>	\$8,514,076



## Managing Lands with Partners

State Park Properties	Acres	
State Parks Land acres	172,396	
State Parks Water acres	46,181	
Total Acres	218,564	
<b>State Wildlife Areas</b>		
Total acres	684,252	
<b>State Parks Partnerships</b>		
Colorado State Land Board	79,711	36%
Fee title(Colorado Parks and Wildlife)	51,944	23%
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	25,386	12%
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	24,317	11%
Local governments/other	17,609	8%
Irrigation Companies	14,638	7%
U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management	5,736	3%
<b>Wildlife Properties: Partnering with Agriculture</b>		
Leased acres	663,186	43%
Fee title acres(Colorado Parks and Wildlife)	397,380	26%
Conservation Easement acres	343,641	22%
Public Access Easement acres	133,838	9%
<b>Walk-in Hunting Access Programs</b>		
Small Game Walk-In Access (WIA) acres	273,000	
Big Game Walk-In Access (BGAP) acres	147,013	

## Working With Private Land Owners

More than four of every 10 acres in Colorado are privately owned, and the management and stewardship of important habitat by farming and ranching families through the generations is a big reason Coloradans enjoy such abundant wildlife today.

Farmers and ranchers understand that the soil, water and vegetation management which benefits their agricultural operations also benefits wildlife. That's why we offer a wide array of programs to support landowners who maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat.



CPW's Habitat Protection Program and Game Damage program helps landowners manage wildlife impacts. We support farming and ranching by investing in conservation easements, leasing hundreds of thousands of acres a year for walk-in access and running programs like Ranching for Wildlife, all of which diversify revenue streams that keep families on the land. CPW also celebrates leadership in wildlife conservation with its Landowner of the Year Award, presented at the National Western Stock Show.

## Places for Health and Wellness

Colorado Parks and Wildlife promotes healthy, active recreation that gets people outdoors. From parks to trails to wildlife, CPW programs help connect families and friends with the natural environment that is the foundation for Colorado's remarkable quality of life.



Whether it's camping with your kids in a state park, an epic trail ride with friends or a week in a high country elk camp, our job is providing you the opportunity to make the memories of a lifetime.

## Trail Recreation

Colorado is a top destination for trail enthusiasts. Many of Colorado's trail resources are the result of cooperative efforts with federal agencies, such as the US Forest Service and BLM, as well as on-going partnerships with counties and local governments. Colorado offers outstanding trail systems that encourage healthy outdoor recreation. A 2009 study found that about half of state residents use trails regularly throughout the year. This adds up to roughly 40 million trail visits annually in Colorado. Whether riding a mountain bike, snowmobile, ATV or horse, or taking a walk with your family, trails are convenient and available across Colorado.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is one of the leading trail funders in the Centennial State. We will distribute more than \$7.5 million in trail grants this year alone, pooling money from state OHV and snowmobile registration fees with investments from GOCO, the Colorado Lottery, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreation Trails Program. The money will be used for trail work across federal, state and local land holdings.

Our rigorous and transparent project selection process ensures the best of the best ideas are funded. We inspect every project to verify that the work was done right. That means the trail community sees real, tangible benefits and that sponsors at local, regional and federal levels can be confident that one of the best trail systems in the country will continue to get better every year.



## State Park Trail System

State Park Trails:	407 trails
Hiking access	584 miles
Biking access	483 miles
Horse accesstrails	364 miles
Motorized trails (inside state parks)	64 miles



## The Habitat Stamp: Small Stamp, Big Difference

Privately-owned ranches and farms provide important wildlife habitat. But development pressure and rising costs often compel landowners to subdivide and sell their land. Through the use of voluntary conservation easements, the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program helps landowners keep the land in agricultural production while providing wildlife habitat for future generations.

Since 2006, Colorado's Habitat Stamp program has become an important tool for leveraging wildlife habitat protection on private land. Working with a range of partners like The Nature Conservancy and the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, CPW has protected more than 138,000 acres of key wildlife habitat, 93 percent through conservation easements.

In 2013, the Habitat Stamp program is up for reauthorization before the Legislature.

### Habitat Stamp Overview

Habitat conserved	138,249 acres
New public hunting access	67,992 acres
New public fishing access	25.8 miles
Big game winter range & migration corridors	65,962 acres



## Celebrating 20 Years of the GOCO Partnership: Making Colorado Better

Since 1992, Great Outdoors Colorado has awarded more than \$400 million from its share of Colorado Lottery proceeds to state parks and wildlife projects and programs.

GOCO has invested in land and built facilities to create five new state parks, built new facilities at 22 existing state parks and been a vital source of funding for the State Trails and Natural Areas Programs.

GOCO has also been a key partner in important non-game wildlife conservation efforts like the lynx reintroduction. GOCO funds, matched with Habitat Stamp dollars, has helped CPW protect more than 70,000 acres of significant wildlife habitat.



Cumulative Awards:	
Parks	\$192 million
Wildlife	\$213 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$405 million</b>



## Regional Map of Offices, State Parks, and State Wildlife Areas

