

GOCO UPDATE.



CPW Commission Meeting

May 6, 2026

Gateway Palisade Natural Area

Photo by Brittany Nordentoft

CPW INVESTMENT PROPOSAL.

INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

OVERVIEW

The Constitution requires GOCO to allocate funds in a manner that is substantially equal over time to achieve outcomes across four areas:

**OUTDOOR
RECREATION**

**LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

WILDLIFE

OPEN SPACE

OUTDOOR REC PURPOSE

Funding Objectives



ESTABLISH & IMPROVE STATE PARKS

Establish and Improve state parks and recreation areas throughout Colorado.



PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Develop appropriate public information and environmental education resources on Colorado's natural resources at state parks and recreation areas.



TRAILS & RIVER GREENWAYS

Acquire, construct, and maintain trails and river greenways.



WATER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Provide water for recreational purposes through the acquisition of water rights or through agreements with holders of water rights.

WILDLIFE PURPOSE

Funding Objectives



HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Protect crucial wildlife habitats through the acquisition of lands, leases, or easements and restore critical areas.



WILDLIFE HERITAGE

Provide appropriate programs for maintaining Colorado's diverse wildlife heritage.



WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Implement educational programs about wildlife and wildlife environment.



WILDLIFE VIEWING

Develop wildlife watching opportunities.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

PURPOSE

GRAND TOTAL	\$18,106,248
Establish and Improve State Parks	\$ 13,894,240
Public Information & Environmental Education	\$ 1,796,000
Trails and River Greenways	\$ 2,394,893
Water for Recreational Purposes	\$ 21,115

WILDLIFE PURPOSE

GRAND TOTAL	\$17,963,437
Habitat Management	\$ 9,730,763
Wildlife Heritage	\$ 6,701,212
Wildlife Education and Environment	\$ 1,386,563
Wildlife Viewing	\$ 144,899

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GOCO ANNUAL REPORT.

CPW INVESTMENT

FY25 IMPACTS



CPW Photo
Mike DellVeneri

OUTDOOR RECREATION

\$22.4M Reimbursements

WILDLIFE

\$10.1M Reimbursements

PARTNERSHIPS

\$1.76M Reimbursements



743
Acres
Conserved



6,996
Acres Wetlands
Restoration



\$4.2M
State Parks
Operations



\$12M
State Parks
Capital



1,086
Miles - Trail
Maintenance



366
Youth Employed
CYCA & YIP



33 YEARS OF IMPACT

Collard Ranch, Park County
Photo by Christa Bode



5,960

PROJECTS FUNDED
IN ALL



\$1.7 BILLION

IN LOTTERY PROCEEDS INVESTED
BACK INTO COLORADO



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COUNTIES INVESTED IN
SINCE GOCO'S INCEPTION



1,465,505 ACRES
conserved



1,206 MILES
of rivers protected



1,856 CREATED/IMPROVED
parks and outdoor
recreation areas



66,688 ACRES
added to the state
parks system



1,276 MILES
of built/reconstructed
trail



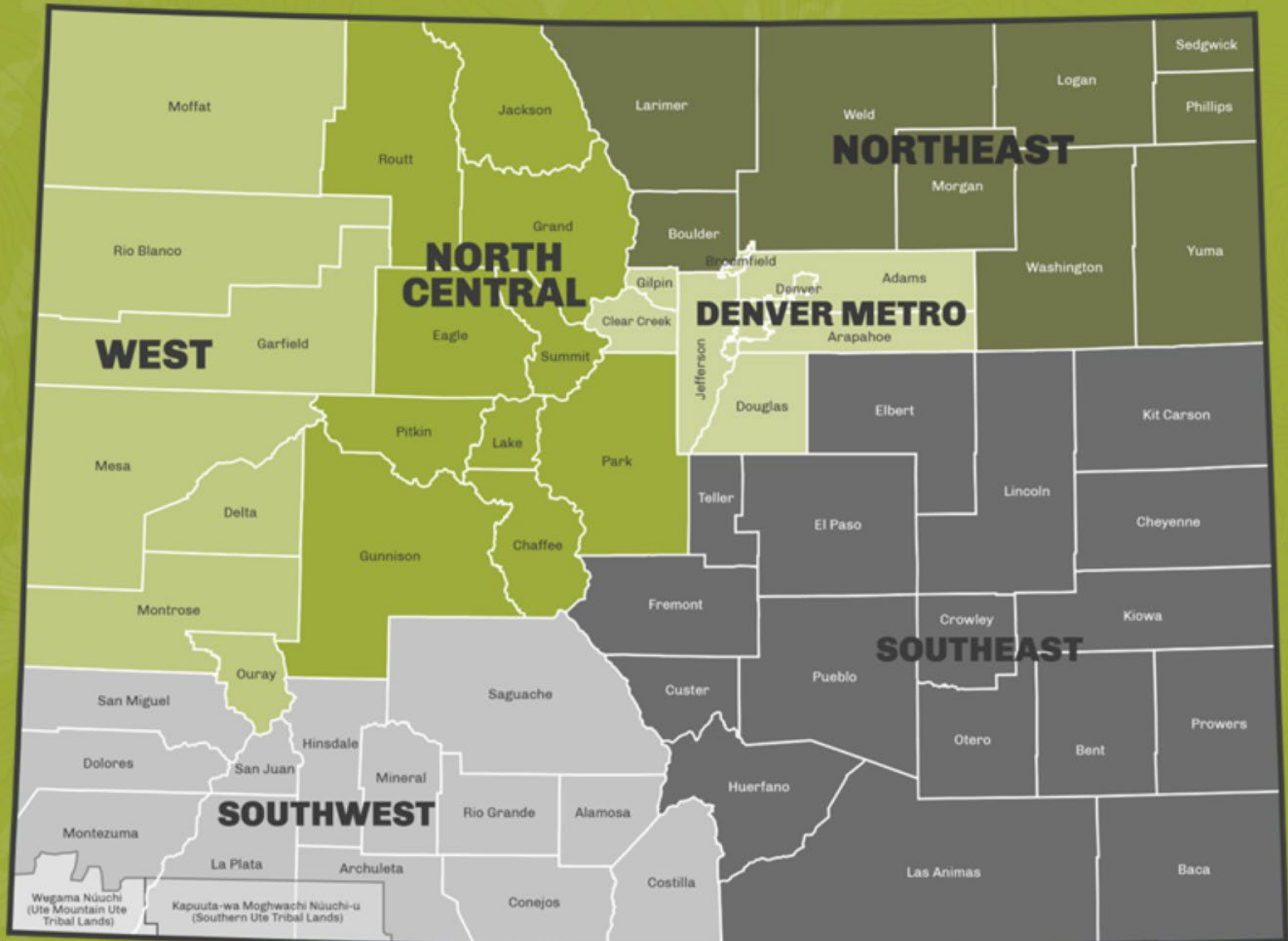
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GOCO

WEST REGION.

WHAT IS THE REGION?



FY27 CALENDAR

BASE PROGRAMS

Proposals for urgent land acquisitions will be accepted at any time.

*Proposals for Community Impact and Pathway **large** investments will be accepted during cycle 1.*

FIRST CYCLE	SECOND CYCLE
Concepts accepted up to: July 23, 2026	Concepts accepted up to: January 21, 2027
Applications invited: August 7, 2026	Applications invited: February 4, 2027
Application due date: September 10, 2026	Application due date: March 11, 2027
Grants awarded: December 11, 2026	Grants awarded: June 2027

Generation Wild – West Region Impact

Communities

- Garfield County Outdoors
- The Nature Connection
- *NEW*: Generation Wild of the Uncompahgre



Garfield County
Outdoors

Investment

- **\$6.1M invested** over the past 10 years
- **\$4.1M new funding (2025–2029)**
 - Includes **\$1.5M** to launch Generation Wild of the Uncompahgre



Reach & Impact

- **55,000+ youth and families served** (past 10 years)
- **200+ youth employment opportunities** created
- **Programs connect kids** to landscapes across Western Colorado

Looking Ahead

- Growth expected across all three communities
- Expansion into new geographies and deeper local partnerships
- Continued investment in youth pathways, workforce, and outdoor access
- Meet Wilder May 30th in Montrose @ Bring on the Summer Outdoor Festival



Uncompahgre
Region

Generation Wild Summer 2026 Campaign

TAKE YOUR BRAIN OUT

- Time outside supports healthy brain development
- Simple, everyday outdoor moments make a difference
- Improves mental health, focus, and stress levels
- Statewide marketing campaign + 15 Generation Wild communities
- Tools and ideas that make it easy for families to get outside
- Free resources in State Parks to reach families directly
- Thanks to CPW Staff Mary McCormac and Heather Hubbard



LAND ACQUISITION



Escalante Ranch
Courtesy: The Conservation Fund

A topographic map overlay is visible in the upper portion of the image, showing contour lines and geographical features. The background is a photograph of a landscape featuring a lake, rolling green hills, and a cloudy sky.

ONWARD!

- Director's Innovation Fund
- GOCO Board Meeting
- Commissioner Recognition
- Colorado's Outdoors Strategy

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STARBURST AWARD

FOR EXCELLENCE IN USE OF LOTTERY FUNDS

COLORADO'S
OUTDOOR STRATEGY

Created a statewide
strategy aligning
conservation,
recreation, & climate
resilience across
Colorado.

COLORADO
OUTDOOR
STRATEGY

THANK YOU.