



GOCO UPDATE

CPW COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2022



OUR MISSION

To help the people of Colorado preserve, protect, enhance, and manage the state's wildlife, park, river, trails, and open space heritage

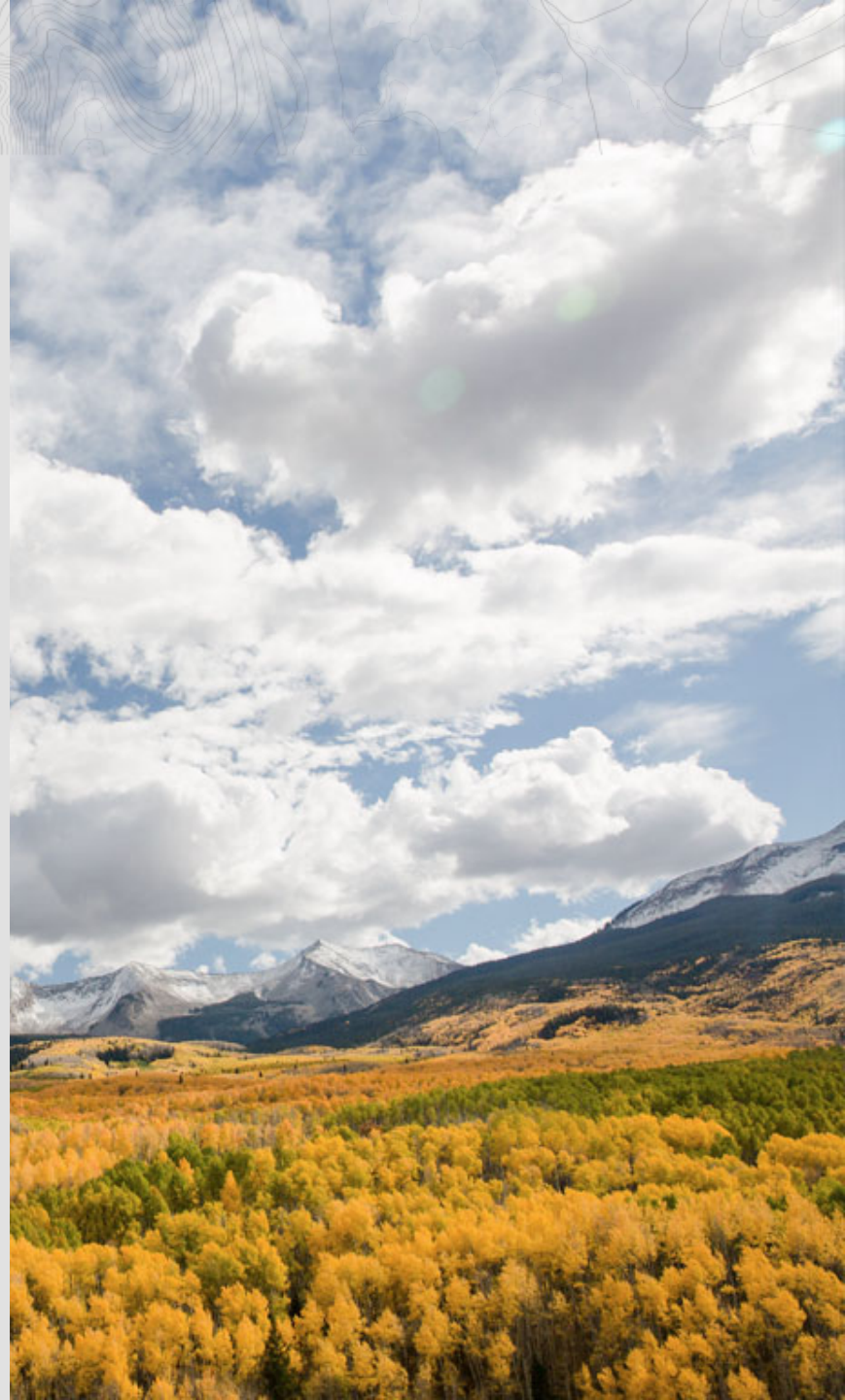


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ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2021 SNAPSHOT



131

PROJECTS FUNDED

49

COUNTIES INVESTED IN



29

PARKS & OUTDOOR
RECREATION AREAS

CREATED AND
IMPROVED



4,896

ACRES CONSERVED

11,283

ACRES OF HABITAT RESTORED



25 TRAILHEADS
created and improved



278 YOUNG PEOPLE
employed through youth corps



40 STAFF POSITIONS
supported at 19 organizations

**SINCE 1992, GOCO'S
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
INCLUDE:**



5,529

projects funded in all 64
counties across the state

1.3 billion

dollars in Lottery proceeds
invested back into Colorado



977 MILES OF TRAIL
built or reconstructed

1,077 MILES
of river protected

**1,771 CREATED AND
IMPROVED**
parks and outdoor
recreation areas

**1,256,793 ACRES
CONSERVED**
(in urban and rural areas)

66,200 ACRES ADDED
to the State Parks system

10,078 YOUNG PEOPLE
employed through Colorado
Youth Corps Association

RESTORE COLORADO



RIVER CORRIDORS, RIPARIAN AREAS AND WETLANDS

21.3 miles of instream habitat restored, 58.1 miles of stream opened, 8 passage barriers rectified. 44 miles of riparian habitat treated for invasive species.



EASTERN COLORADO GRASSLANDS

86,590 acres of grassland under improved management on public lands, 2,580 acres of invasive trees removed.



SAGEBRUSH

600 mesic wet meadow structures installed, 1,525 acres of mesic habitat with restored hydrology on public lands.



BIG GAME WINTER RANGE & MIGRATION ROUTES

76 miles of fencing removed or improved to wildlife-friendly specifications.



FORESTLAND

830 acres of forestland restored on private lands, 440 acres of forestland restored on public lands.

A winter scene with people on a snowy slope. In the foreground, a large white owl is perched on a branch. The background shows a snowy landscape with people walking and a person on a bicycle. The scene is overlaid with a topographic map pattern.

CAN'T STOP WON'T STOP

ONWARD!

- CPW Director's Innovation Fund
 - \$25,000 grants
 - Designed to highlight and elevate unique, one-time projects that complement CPW's and GOCO's respective missions
 - Reviewed jointly by GOCO and CPW staff
 - Materials available on the website next week. Contact either Dan or Adrian for additional information.

GOCO 101

BACK TO BASICS

GOCO HISTORY

What should we do to sustain and enhance our outdoor resources—parks, trails, wildlife, and open space—for the future?



VOTES ARE COUNTED & AMENDMENT DEFINES PROGRAM

An initiative, which would redirect up to half of Lottery proceeds each year, is placed on the ballot, and on Nov. 3, is approved with 58% of voters in favor.



GOCO RECEIVES UP TO 50% OF COLORADO LOTTERY PROCEEDS

Periodic surveys revealed overall satisfaction with room to improve especially with more opportunities to engage/apply and local representation.



COLORADO LOTTERY REAUTHORIZED

SB18-066 to extend Colorado's Lottery Division to administer the program for 25 additional years is signed into law by Gov. John Hickenlooper.



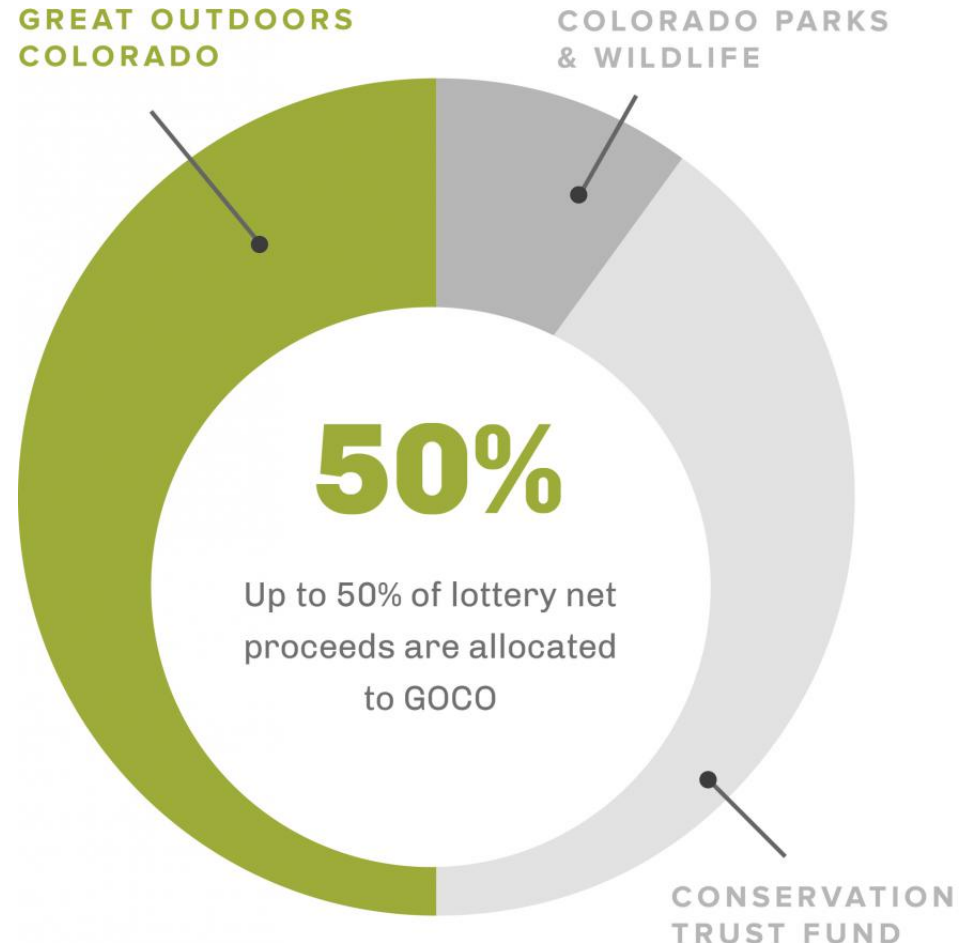
STRATEGIC PLAN EVOLUTION

- Thinking bigger and more collaboratively in 2010.
- Protect. Connect. & Inspire in 2015.
- An evolved approach to grantmaking in 2020 to promote equity and diversity in the outdoors, advance projects with the potential to transform communities, and protect Colorado's treasured outdoors for future generations.

LOTTERY PROCEEDS BENEFICIARIES

- 10% to Colorado state parks through CPW;
- 40% to the Conservation Trust Fund, which allocates funds to eligible local governments on a per capita basis;
- and up to 50% to GOCO against a constitutionally mandated cap adjusted for inflation each year.

Once the cap is met, surplus funds go to the Outdoor Equity Fund, Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST), and CPW again.



FUNDING QUADRANTS

**OUTDOOR
RECREATION**

**LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

WILDLIFE

OPEN SPACE

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

FAQ'S

What is GOCO???

Is GOCO a state agency?



Is GOCO a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization?



Is GOCO a trust fund?



Great Outdoors Colorado is a public foundation that receives a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to invest in outdoor recreation and conservation for us now, and future generations to come. We are an independent political subdivision of the state created by Coloradans who wanted to ensure the great outdoors are here for their children and grandchildren to enjoy as we do now.

The world's largest
flat-top mountain.



THANK YOU.



Kids grow better *outside.*

