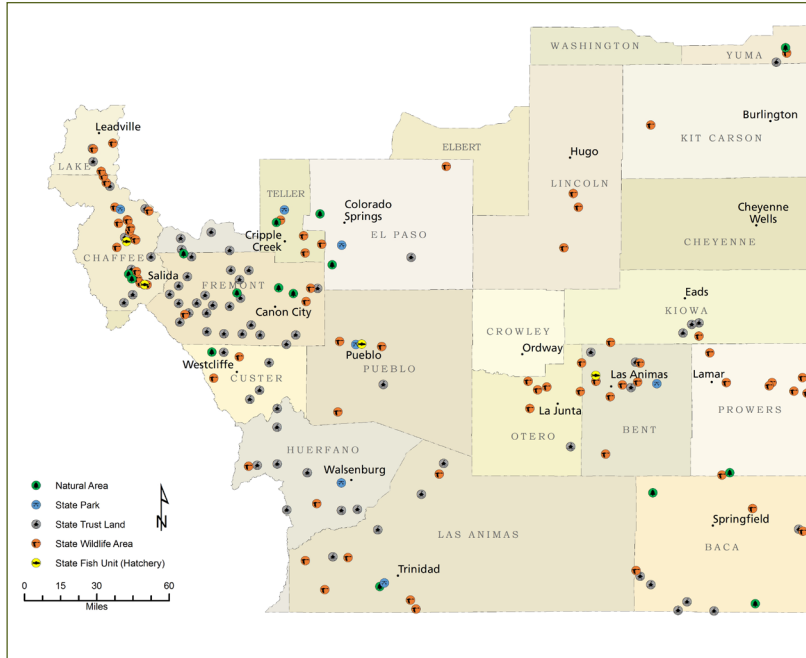


# Southeast Region



## FACT SHEET



In this region, CPW manages and provides public access to:

**4** FISH HATCHERIES

**7** STATE PARKS

**16** COLORADO NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM (CNAP) SITES

**63** STATE TRUST LANDS

**75** STATE WILDLIFE AREAS

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)'s Southeast Region is comprised of the Arkansas River drainage from the Leadville area in Lake County east to Kansas and south to New Mexico. The region also includes the Republican River drainage north of Interstate 70 on the Kansas border. The natural resources in this area are among the best in the entire United States, from fantastic bird watching areas on the eastern plains to outstanding fishing and rafting along the Arkansas Headwaters to amazing hunting from the Spanish Peaks to Pikes Peak, in the Sangre de Cristos and Wet Mountains. Outdoor recreation draw millions of tourists and residents alike to this area every year. But with great resources come great responsibilities. The region's challenges are rising – from increasing human-wildlife conflicts in metro areas like Colorado Springs and Pueblo, to aging infrastructure on dams and waterways.



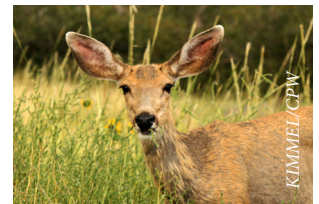
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### Securing water for fish and wildlife conservation at John Martin Reservoir

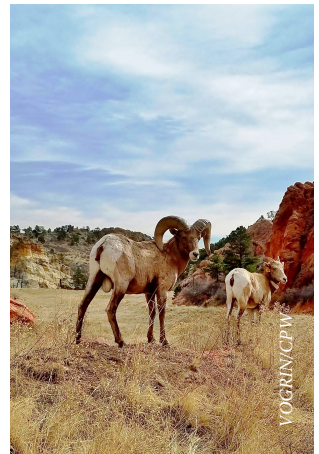
CPW's mission is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state and to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. CPW achieved a big win in 2018 by persuading Kansas to agree, in principle, to use Arkansas River water to maintain a permanent fish and wildlife conservation pool at John Martin Reservoir, guaranteeing a vibrant fishery, reliable recreation opportunities for future generations and providing an ongoing economic boost to the regional economy. When formally signed, the perpetual agreement will replace a year-to-year deal signed in 2017, when CPW ended a 40-year deadlock between the states of Arkansas River water.



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# Introducing families to the outdoors



The third annual Colorado Springs Get Outdoors Day in 2018, hosted by CPW's Southeast Region, was bigger than ever as an estimated 5,000 people attended the free festival and received an introduction to all things outdoors. The first 1,000 received free fishing poles, complete with hooks and bait! And CPW staff, volunteers and partners offered festival-goers an chance to shoot rifles, muzzleloaders and air rifles. CPW staff also set up an archery range and gave lessons. CPW partners gave free lessons in paddleboarding, rafting, kayaking and much more.

The annual event serves as a fun introduction to the outdoors for many families. CPW hopes it will also kindle a passion for protecting the natural resources of Colorado. State demographers are predicting the state will grow by 54 percent by 2050, going from 5.5 million to 8.5 million people. What will our outdoor spaces look like? Will our children and their children still enjoy the same Colorado we know today?



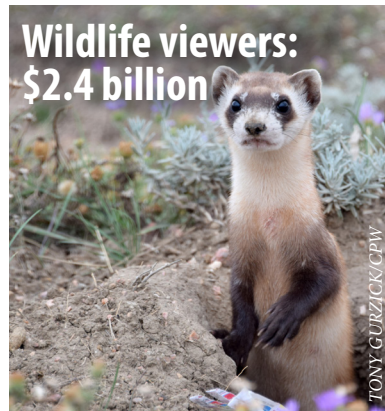
## TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF HUNTING IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION:\*

**Output: \$95 million**  
**Salaries & Wages: \$28 million**  
**GDP Contribution: \$47 million**  
**State/local taxes: \$6 million**  
**Federal taxes: \$6 million**  
**Jobs: 1,300**  
 \*includes big game, small game and waterfowl hunting only (2019 SCORP)

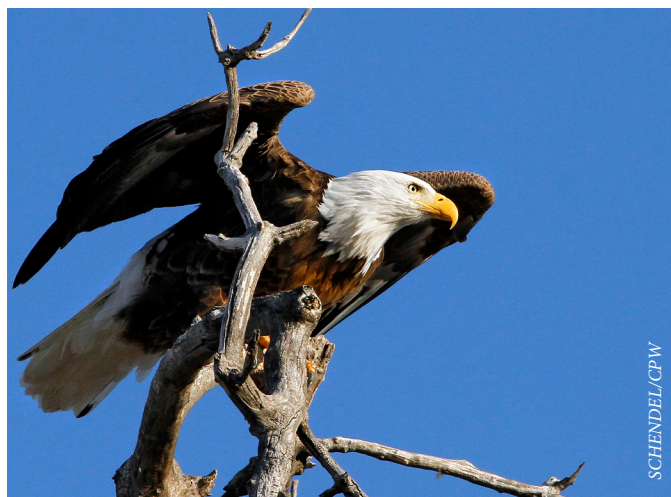


## \$6.8 billion TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEWIDE

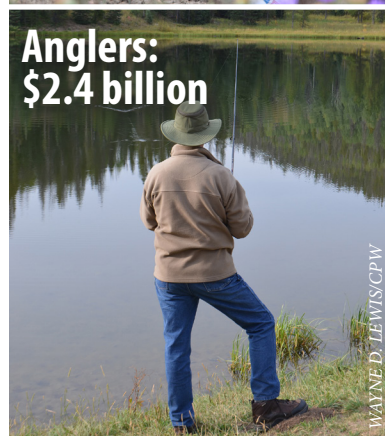
**Wildlife viewers:**  
**\$2.4 billion**



**State park visitors:**  
**\$1.2 billion**



**Anglers:**  
**\$2.4 billion**



**Hunters:**  
**\$0.8 billion**

