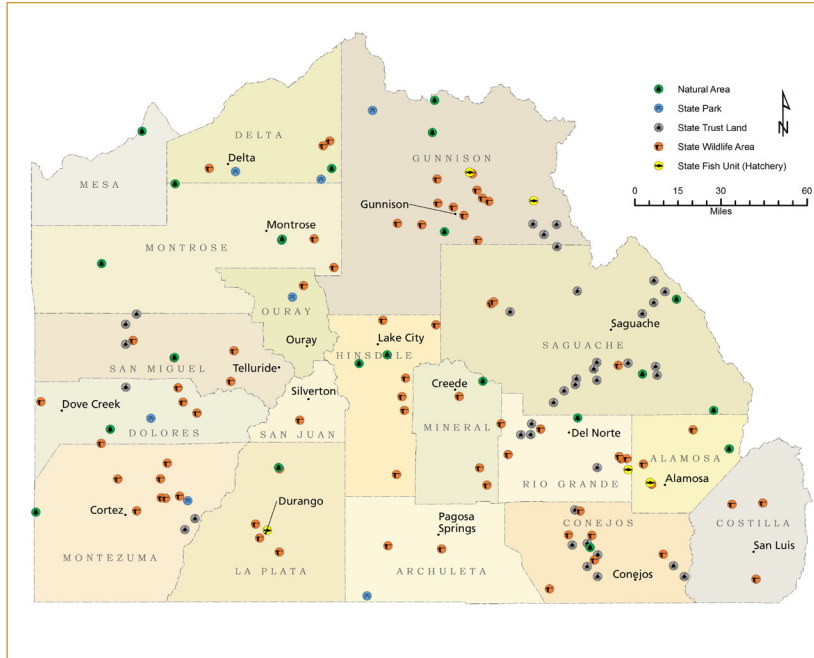


Southwest Region



FACT SHEET



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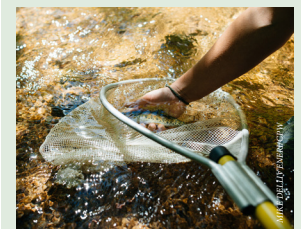
5 FISH HATCHERIES

7 STATE PARKS

22 COLORADO NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM (CNAP) SITES

39 STATE TRUST LANDS

70 STATE WILDLIFE AREAS



Restoring native trout

Restoring native species is an important part of CPW's work. If species go on the endangered species list, the federal government can impose rules that affect private property owners and state government. For 20 years, CPW's aquatic biologists in the Durango area have been working with the U.S. Forest Service to restore native Colorado River cutthroat trout to the Hermosa Creek drainage north of Durango, and the native trout have been restored to about 20 miles of streams in the Hermosa Creek area.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is a national leader in conservation, recreation and wildlife management. The Southwest Region is a destination for all outdoor enthusiasts. Millions of people from around the state, around the country and around the world visit this region every year. Hunting and fishing are excellent, hikers and mountain bikers can find hundreds of miles of trails, boat owners can find great reservoirs at Navajo, Ridgway, Crawford, Mancos and Paonia state parks. CPW activities and facilities contribute millions of dollars in economic activity to Southwest Region communities.



Sweitzer Lake State Park's free bike program



When Scott Rist learned that 50 percent of the kids in Delta County don't own a bicycle he decided to take action. Rist, a senior park ranger in the Southwest Region for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, applied for a grant from the Colorado Parks Foundation to buy bicycles for Sweitzer Lake State Park which is located just south of the town of Delta. The foundation awarded him \$2,500 and he used the money to buy eight mountain bikes and helmets for kids and adults to use for free at the state park.

"Riding a bicycle gives kids a sense of independence, helps them build confidence and gets them outside," Rist said. "This is a small effort, but it's important for Colorado Parks and Wildlife to do whatever it can to help kids and families enjoy all that the state has to offer."

Sweitzer Lake State Park visitors aren't the only ones having a good time. At the end of January every winter, Crawford State Park throws a party to celebrate winter activities. People come to the park to ice fish, cross-country ski, ice-skate, to go sledding and to eat hot dogs and drink hot chocolate around a campfire. The celebration is a big hit with the local community.

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

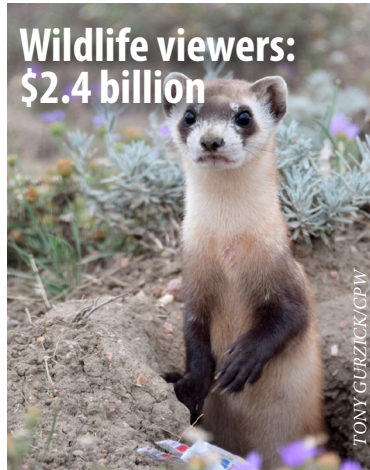
- Output: \$73 million**
- Salaries & Wages: \$27 million**
- GDP Contribution: \$41 million**
- State/local taxes: \$7 million**
- Federal taxes: \$6 million**
- Jobs: 1,460**

*includes big game, small game and waterfowl hunting only (2019 SCORP)



CRYSTAL EGLI/CPW

\$6.8 billion TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEWIDE



Wildlife viewers: \$2.4 billion

TONY GURZICK/CPW



State park visitors: \$1.2 billion

JUSTIN DOSKOCIL/CPW



DOSKOCIL/CPW

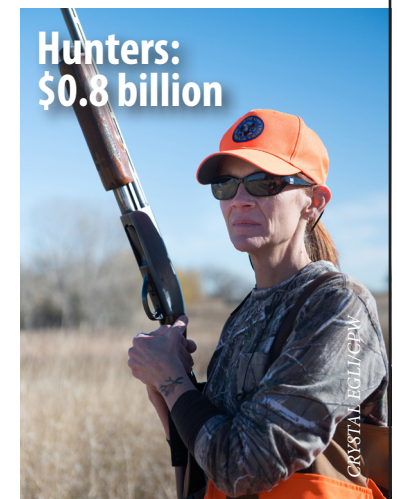


DOSKOCIL/CPW



Anglers: \$2.4 billion

WAYNE D. LEWIS/CPW



Hunters: \$0.8 billion

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