

# Current Issues: Colorado Department of Natural Resources



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# Department of Natural Resources Mission & Vision

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources is:

To manage and conserve Colorado's natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of people today and tomorrow.

DNR's vision:

Colorado will be a national leader in promoting the responsible use and conservation of natural resources for this and future generations.

# Department of Natural Resources Divisions

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Division of Water Resources
- Colorado State Land Board
- Colorado Avalanche Information Center
- Division of Forestry (staffed by Colorado State Forest Service)

# FY 2021-22 Operating Appropriations by Division



Total Funds = \$334.2 million  
General Fund = \$37.3 million  
Cash Funds = \$262.4 million  
Reapprop Funds = \$7.5 million  
Federal Funds = \$26.9 million

**1,522.7 FTE**

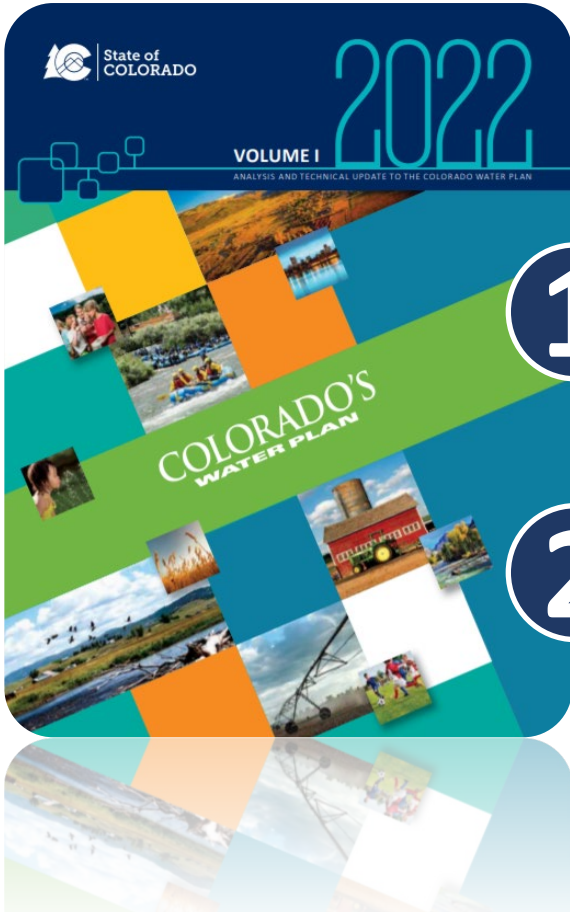
# Wildly Important Goals FY21-22

1. Sustainable Funding for Parks & Wildlife
2. Balance Outdoor Recreation and Conservation
3. Wildfire Risk Reduction
4. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



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## WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

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### A SHARED VISION FOR COLORADO

- Sets the stage for collaboration, resilience and mitigating risk
- Shines a light on critical state water issues

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### A STRATEGY FOR CWCB

- A CWCB planning document
- Highlights agency opportunities for leadership



# WATER PLAN UPDATE PHASES



**90 Day**

Public Comment Period  
June 30 – September 30, 2022

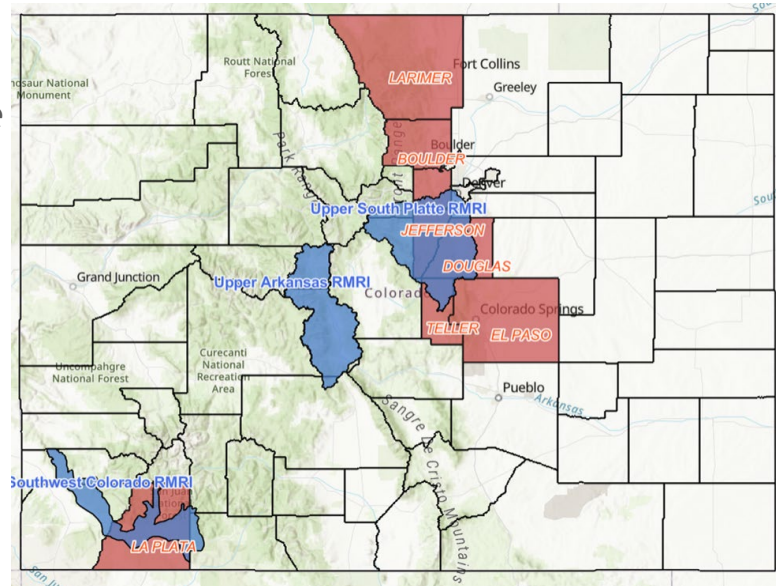
*Learn more at [engageCWCB.org](https://engageCWCB.org)*



# Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program: Landscape Resilience Investment

COSWAP's Landscape Resilience Investment program was released on March 31, 2022 to seven Strategic Focus Area counties and the three Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative focal areas.

- DNR is seeking cross boundary wildfire mitigation and forest/watershed health projects with a direct tie to reducing wildfire risk to lives, property and infrastructure
- \$8 million program budget, closed application process. Projects must go through a collaborative prioritization process.
- Each area can apply for \$700,000-\$1,000,000





# COSWAP: Workforce Development Program

COSWAP funds hazardous fuel reduction projects completed by Department of Corrections SWIFT crews and conservation corps to protect lives, property and infrastructure across the state. COSWAP also funds wildfire mitigation workforce development training opportunities.

Award Snapshot			
DOC SWIFT	Conservation Corps	Wildfire Mitigation Workforce Training	Totals
13 awards	14 awards	3 awards	30 awards
1,060 acres	2,145 acres	>132 trainees	3,205 acres
\$1,669,482	\$2,146,900	\$171,773	\$3,988,155





# Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board

Evaluates proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado and then making official recommendations to the Governor.



# Gray Wolf Reintroduction

Proposition 114 [now known as State Statute 33-2-105.8] directs the [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) Commission to:

- Develop a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves in Colorado;
- Take necessary steps to begin reintroduction no later than December 31, 2023, on designated lands west of the Continental Divide; and,
- Pay fair compensation for livestock losses caused by gray wolves.



# New State Parks

Fishers Peak State Park

Sweetwater Lake

