



National Wildlife Federation Frequency Questionnaire

March 17-21, 2019

400 Likely Colorado Voters

400 Likely New Mexico Voters

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote in Colorado / New Mexico?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Yes	100	100	100
No.....	-	-	-
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:NRV)			

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are your chances of voting in the election for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and other local offices in November 2020 – are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you think you will not vote?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Almost certain	95	95	94
Probably	5	5	6
50-50	-	-	-
Will not vote	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	0	0	0
(ref:WILLVOT)			

[400 Respondents]

Q.9 (COLORADO) Generally speaking, do you think that things in Colorado are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Right direction	53	53	-
Wrong track.....	44	44	-
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	-
Right - Wrong.....	9	9	-
(ref:DIRECTCO)			

[400 Respondents]

Q.10 (NEW MEXICO) Generally speaking, do you think that things in New Mexico are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Right direction	50	-	50
Wrong track.....	46	-	46
(Don't know/Refused)	4	-	4
Right - Wrong.....	4	-	4
(ref:DIRECTNM)			

Q.11 As you may know, many of our states' most important wildlife species including elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep migrate hundreds of miles in search of better food, weather, and for mating purposes. Their migration routes are often cut off or impeded by development, highways, and fencing. Would you favor or oppose increased efforts to protect the migration routes of wildlife?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Strongly favor	54	56	52
Somewhat favor	31	29	32
Somewhat oppose.....	7	8	6
Strongly oppose.....	4	2	5
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5	4
Total Favor	85	85	84
Total Oppose.....	11	10	12
Favor - Oppose.....	74	75	73
(ref:FAVOR1)			

Q.12 On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means not urgent at all and 10 means extremely urgent, how urgent is it that we make protecting wildlife migration routes a priority in the region?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
10	20	18	22
9.....	7	8	7
8.....	18	18	18
7.....	18	21	15
6.....	10	12	9
5.....	11	8	14
4.....	4	4	4
3.....	4	4	4
2.....	2	2	2
1.....	1	1	2
0.....	2	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
Mean	7.0	6.9	7.0
10.....	20	18	22
8-10	45	44	47
6-10	74	76	71
5.....	11	8	14
0-4	14	14	14
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1

(ref:URGENT1)

Q.33 From what you know, which two of the following animals need the most help when it comes to wildlife conservation?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Cutthroat Trout	35	40	29
Bighorn sheep.....	27	29	26
Mountain lions	25	24	26
Elk.....	21	22	20
Mule deer.....	13	12	14
Pronghorn antelope	8	9	7
Not sure.....	28	25	32
(ref:MOSTHELP)			

Q.34 Now I am going to read you a pair of statements about wildlife issues in your area and I'd like you to tell me which statement, the first or the second, comes closer to your view.

Every year, wildlife including elk, mule deer, mountain lions and bighorn sheep migrate up and down Colorado and New Mexico. These species depend on this movement for better food, water, weather and even survival. However, their migrations are often cut off by highways, fences, and development. With some care and the right planning, we can protect wildlife, secure their migration routes and still grow and develop the economy.

OR

We should do what we can to be responsible about wildlife and their migration. But farmers and ranchers need to protect their crops and livestock without having to shoulder extra responsibility to protect wildlife migration routes and we shouldn't add extra burdens to the oil and gas industry, which has brought billions of dollars and thousands of good paying jobs to the region. The West is growing and we need to make room to accommodate. These priorities are more important than protecting wildlife migration routes.

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
First statement much closer	43	46	41
First statement somewhat closer	23	21	24
Second statement somewhat closer	17	18	16
Second statement much closer	15	13	16
(Both).....	1	1	0
(Neither)	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0	2
Total Protect Wildlife	66	67	65
Total Other Priorities.....	32	31	32
Protect Wildlife - Other Priorities.....	34	35	32
(ref:PAIR)			

Q.35 I am going to read you a list of solutions some people have proposed to mitigate the impacts of development on wildlife. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal.

	Strng Fav	Some what Fav	Some what Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[400 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT B) Ensure that national forests such as the Carson Forest and Rio Grande National Forest provide protections of known migration routes								
	56	38	3	1	2	94	5	89
Colorado	59	35	4	1	2	94	5	89
New Mexico	53	41	3	2	2	94	4	89
35 Build more overpasses and underpasses for wildlife in migration areas so animals can safely cross highways and major roads, decreasing car accidents and animal deaths								
	53	35	8	4	0	88	12	76
Colorado	53	35	8	4	0	88	12	76
New Mexico	53	34	9	3	1	87	12	75
[400 Respondents]								
37 (SPLIT A) Require state of the art drilling practices to reduce environmental damage.....								
	49	31	12	6	2	80	18	61
Colorado	46	33	14	4	2	79	19	60
New Mexico	52	28	10	8	2	80	18	62
[400 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT B) Ensure land-use planners maintain open corridors for wildlife to migrate								
	46	41	8	4	2	87	11	75
Colorado	49	37	9	2	3	86	11	75
New Mexico	42	45	6	5	1	87	12	76
[400 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT A) Use known migration data to prevent oil and gas and other development in known wildlife migration routes.....								
	42	30	17	10	1	72	26	46
Colorado	40	31	19	8	1	72	27	45
New Mexico	44	28	15	11	1	73	26	47
36 Provide incentives for land owners to replace fencing, either removing or raising the bottom rung of fences so migratory animals have an easier time crawling under, and restricting the use of barbed wire								
	34	39	15	8	4	73	24	49
Colorado	34	38	14	9	5	72	23	49
New Mexico	33	40	16	8	2	74	24	49

(ref:SOLUTION)

Q.41 Would you support or oppose a small increase in state and local taxes to fund the construction of wildlife crossing structures such as overpasses and underpasses across major highways that intersect with known wildlife migration routes?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Strongly support.....	32	33	32
Somewhat support.....	35	36	34
Somewhat oppose.....	14	13	14
Strongly oppose.....	17	16	19
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	1
Total Support	67	69	66
Total Oppose.....	31	29	33
Support - Oppose.....	36	39	33
(ref:INCR TAX)			

Q.42 Now I am going to read you a few statements that some people have made who support protecting wildlife migration routes. For each one, please tell me whether that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or a not at all convincing reason to make protecting wildlife migration corridors a priority.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
44 (BALANCE) Protecting migration routes for elk, pronghorn antelope, and mule deer is not simply about protecting one migratory species, but the entire ecosystem. Plants depend on these animals to carry seeds. Other predatory animals such as mountain lions depend on these animals for food. We have a duty to restore and maintain the natural balance in this part of the country.....	50	33	10	7	-	83	17
Colorado	51	33	10	6	-	84	16
New Mexico	49	32	10	8	-	82	18

42 (SHARE) The land in this state and the wildlife we share it with are an integral part of who we are. This part of the country just wouldn't be the same without elk, mule deer, bighorn sheep, or pronghorn antelope. Wildlife have the right to live on this land just as we do, and should be able to freely and safely cross our shared land.	47	34	13	6	0	81	19
Colorado	47	34	12	6	1	81	18
New Mexico	47	34	13	6	-	81	19

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
45 (OPTIMISTIC) In the 1940s, the number of pronghorn antelope was only five thousand in Colorado. Today, there are eighty-five thousand. This is a tremendous success story and proves that it is possible to encourage economic growth while protecting our wildlife and environment.	46	35	13	6	0	81	19
Colorado	44	33	15	7	0	78	22
New Mexico	47	37	12	4	0	84	15

43 (ECONOMIC) We are an energy state but also a wildlife state, home to landscapes and species that have inspired humans for generations. Outdoor recreation is a multi-billion dollar industry in the region. And in rural communities in particular, many small businesses depend on people coming here to hunt, fish, or to admire our beautiful landscape and the wildlife in it.	45	37	13	5	-	82	18
Colorado	41	41	12	6	-	82	18
New Mexico	48	33	14	5	-	81	19

47 (WORST CASE) Scientists estimate that we could risk losing one-third of our wildlife by the year 2050, we must take action now to protect wildlife migration routes to try to minimize this population loss.	44	29	14	13	0	72	27
Colorado	42	28	18	11	0	70	30
New Mexico	45	30	11	15	0	75	25

46 (QUALITY) People come out West because of the quality of life out here. Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of that, and protecting our quality of life means doing what we can to protect wildlife and their migration routes.	40	41	12	8	0	80	19
Colorado	39	42	12	8	-	80	20
New Mexico	40	40	12	8	0	80	19

48 (SOLUTIONS) We have effective solutions to this problem. With the right planning, incentives for landowners, and small investments in things like highway overpasses and underpasses, we can protect wildlife migration routes for future generations.	39	40	13	8	0	79	21
Colorado	39	41	12	8	-	80	20
New Mexico	40	38	14	8	0	78	22

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
49 (SPORTSMEN) Conserving wildlife migration corridors will help to ensure quality hunting and fishing for future generations.....	37	37	15	10	0	75	25
Colorado	36	37	16	10	0	73	27
New Mexico	39	38	14	9	0	77	23

(ref:POSBATT)

Q.50 Now I am going to read you a few statements that some people have made who oppose additional efforts to protect wildlife migration routes. For each one, please tell me whether that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or a not at all convincing reason to OPPOSE additional efforts to protect wildlife migration routes.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
50 (RANCHERS) Farmers and ranchers in our state need to protect their crops and livestock with good fencing. When wildlife is not kept out and livestock is not kept in, these landowners find their livelihoods threatened and the negative effects are felt throughout our local communities.....	24	36	24	15	0	61	39
Colorado	22	39	24	15	0	61	39
New Mexico	27	33	25	15	0	60	39

53 (LANDOWNER RIGHTS) Private landowners are already responsible caretakers of the land. We need to protect personal property rights and not place further burdensome and costly regulations on private citizens.	24	28	23	23	1	53	46
Colorado	24	29	22	24	1	53	45
New Mexico	25	27	24	22	1	52	47

52 (DEVELOPMENT) The rural parts of our state are the ones that need economic development the most, and we need to focus on spurring more development that will create good paying jobs and lift up our communities.	18	33	26	23	1	51	48
Colorado	15	33	26	25	0	48	51
New Mexico	21	33	25	20	1	53	45

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
51 (OIL AND GAS) Oil and gas companies have brought billions of dollars and thousands of good paying jobs to the region. Energy is a major part of our economy in the West and we need to protect and grow this industry.	17	29	22	32	0	46	54
Colorado	17	28	21	33	0	45	55
New Mexico	17	29	23	31	0	46	54

54 (REACH) People say this about protecting wildlife, but it is really about increasing government's reach and locking up the land of private property owners.....	16	22	19	42	1	38	61
Colorado	15	22	20	43	0	36	63
New Mexico	18	22	17	42	1	40	59

(ref:NEGBATT)

Q.55 Thinking again about wildlife migration routes that are often cut off or impeded by development, highways, and fencing, would you favor or oppose increased efforts to protect the migration routes of wildlife?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Strongly favor	46	44	47
Somewhat favor	39	42	37
Somewhat oppose.....	10	9	10
Strongly oppose.....	4	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
Total Favor	85	86	84
Total Oppose	14	13	15
Favor - Oppose	71	74	69

(ref:FAVOR2)

Q.56 Again, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means not urgent at all and 10 means extremely urgent, how urgent is it that we make protecting wildlife migration routes a priority in the region?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
10.....	17	13	21
9.....	9	10	8
8.....	18	20	16
7.....	20	22	17
6.....	10	12	8
5.....	10	9	11
4.....	6	4	7
3.....	4	4	5
2.....	2	3	2
1.....	1	1	2
0.....	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	0	0
Mean.....	6.9	6.8	6.9
10.....	17	13	21
8-10.....	43	42	45
6-10.....	74	77	71
5.....	10	9	11
0-4.....	16	14	18
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	0	0

(ref:URGENT2)

Q.57 After everything we talked about, which of the following is the BEST reason to increase efforts to protect wildlife migration routes?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
This is not about saving just one species of wildlife, but a whole eco-system.....	18	21	15
We have already proven we can have both economic growth and smart wildlife conservation	16	17	16
The land and wildlife here are part of who we are and we have a responsibility to share this land	15	16	14
The right solutions, like planning, incentives for landowners and investments can make a huge difference in protecting wildlife.....	11	8	13
We risk losing one-third of wildlife by 2050 if we do not act now.....	9	11	8
Preserving wildlife is vital to our state's economy, especially in rural communities	8	7	9
Conserving wildlife corridors will help to ensure quality hunting and fishing for future generations.....	7	6	9
Protecting animal migration routes means protecting our quality of life.....	6	5	6
(All of the above)	4	4	4
(None of the above)	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	5	4	5

(ref:FORCED)

Q.58 Finally I would like to ask you some questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
1 - 11th grade	1	1	1
High School graduate	16	14	17
Non-college post H.S.	8	9	7
Some college	26	24	28
College graduate	29	32	26
Post-graduate school.....	19	18	19
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	2

(ref:EDUC)

Q.59 In what year were you born?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
18 - 24	7	6	8
25 - 29	8	10	5
30 - 34	7	9	6
35 - 39	9	9	8
40 - 44	7	7	7
45 - 49	9	10	8
50 - 54	6	6	6
55 - 59	11	11	12
60 - 64	11	10	11
65 and over	25	21	28
(No answer)	1	1	1
(ref:AGE)			

Q.60 How long have you resided in (STATE) – less than 5 years, 5 to 10 years, 11 to 20 years, or more than 20 years?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Less than 5 years	7	7	7
5 to 10 years	10	11	9
11 to 20 years	16	13	18
More than 20 years	67	69	66
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0	1
(ref:HOWLONG)			

Q.61 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total	Colorado	New Mexico
Strong Democrat	24	22	27
Weak Democrat.....	16	15	17
Independent-lean Democrat	8	8	9
Independent.....	12	15	9
Independent-lean Republican	6	8	4
Weak Republican.....	9	10	9
Strong Republican	23	22	23
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0	1
(ref:PTYID1G)			

Q.64 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Liberal.....	24	24	23
Moderate.....	41	42	39
Conservative.....	33	32	34
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.65 For statistical purposes, are you or is anyone in your household employed in any of the following industries: farming, ranching, or oil and gas?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Yes, farming.....	5	5	5
Yes, ranching	2	2	2
Yes, oil and gas	5	4	6
No.....	87	89	86
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0	1
Total Yes	12	11	12
(ref:JOBS)			

[400 Respondents]

Q.66 (COLORADO) Do you or anyone in your household have a hunting or fishing license?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Yes, hunting.....	4	4	-
Yes, fishing.....	16	16	-
Yes, both.....	18	18	-
No.....	62	62	-
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0	-
Total Yes	38	38	-
Total Hunting	22	22	-
Total Fishing.....	34	34	-
(ref:HUNT)			

[400 Respondents]

Q.67 (NEW MEXICO) Do you or anyone in your household have a game hunting and fishing license?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Yes	34	-	34
No.....	65	-	65
(Don't know/Refused)	1	-	1
(ref:HUNT2)			

Q.68 What is your race?

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
White/Caucasian	73	86	60
Black/African American	1	2	1
Hispanic/Latino.....	20	8	32
Native American/American Indian	2	1	3
(Other).....	2	1	2
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	2
(ref:RACE)			

Q.3 Respondent gender

	Total	Colo rado	New Mexico
Male	46	48	45
Female.....	54	52	55
(ref:GENDER)			