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Legislative Session Action Report



The 2026 legislative session delivered key wins that help protect Colorado's environment and communities.

As the state's largest environmental organization, Conservation Colorado brings people, policy and politics together to work for Colorado. We work to protect the Colorado we love, where communities can enjoy clean air, clean water and a healthy climate.

Through the work of our staff, partners and members, we help pass legislation that addresses rising energy costs, reduces climate pollution and protects our water and wildlife. All while also helping stop legislation that would have allowed unchecked data center growth, which would have increased energy costs, strained our water resources and slowed our climate progress.



How We Made a Difference Together



28 priority conservation bills signed into law



65 partner organizations collaborated with us



3,339 emails sent and **3,930 phone calls** made to legislators urging them to act



55 committee testimonies from members and staff



13 community events hosted



120 news articles covered our work



More than **100 meetings held with legislators**



This progress is only possible because of partners, members and donors like you!

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Our Collective Wins



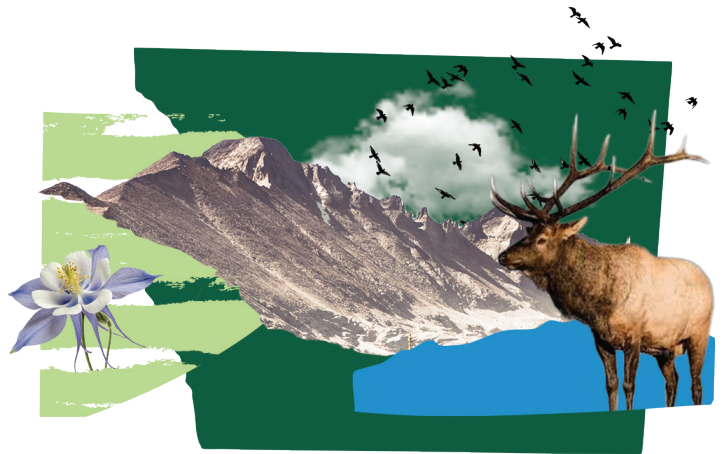
Climate & Clean Air

- Blocked legislation offering excessive corporate handouts for energy-intensive data centers without sufficient climate or community protections — making sure Coloradans aren't left with higher energy bills and more pollution
- Strengthened the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to help keep Colorado's clean energy transition on track, increase transparency and protect families from rising electricity costs
- Fought back against Trump's push to keep dirty coal plants running, securing new protections for ratepayers and air quality. The bill requires municipally owned utilities to cease burning coal after 2032, saving ratepayers money and protecting our air quality
- Strengthened RTD's board structure to make Colorado's largest transit agency more accountable, reliable and affordable for riders
- Established a new statewide program to safely recycle electric vehicle batteries, keeping toxic materials out of landfills and ensuring they are reused for new batteries
- Protected K-12 education, healthcare and transit funding from being cut by a proposed highway-lobby ballot measure



Environmental Justice

- Capped electricity costs for low-income households, because affordable energy is a necessity, not a luxury
- Strengthened water quality protections for mobile home park residents



Lands & Water

- Secured funding for wildlife crossings to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, protect migration corridors and improve road safety
- Passed a bipartisan resolution defending Colorado's public lands from federal sell-off attempts
- Continued the Test and Fix Water for Kids program to keep drinking water safe in schools and child care centers
- Extended the conservation easement tax credit, equipping landowners with a critical tool to protect open space and wildlife habitat