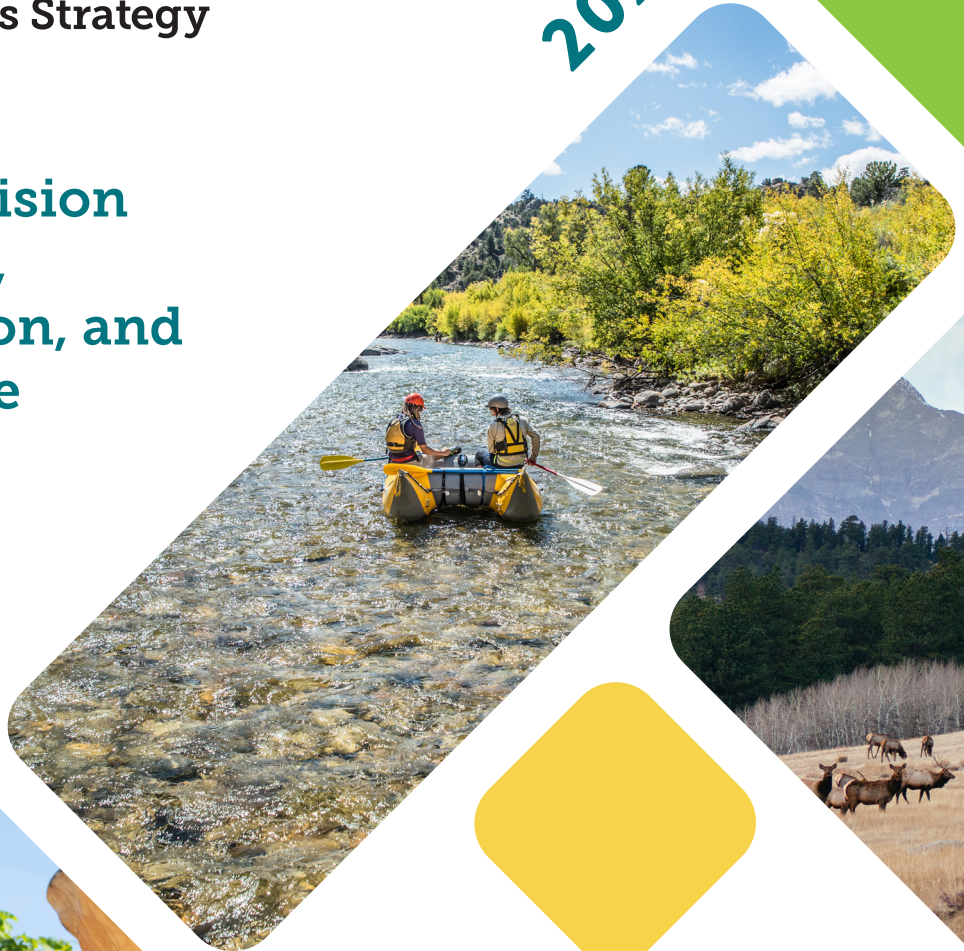




# COLORADO'S Outdoors Strategy

2025

**A collaborative vision  
for conservation,  
outdoor recreation, and  
climate resilience**



**COLORADANS LOVE THE OUTDOORS,  
AND THE OUTDOORS ARE ESSENTIAL  
TO WHAT MAKES COLORADO SPECIAL.**

The health of our wildlife, biodiversity, people, communities, agriculture, and economies depends upon the thriving natural environments and amazing outdoor recreation experiences that the outdoors provide. However, our outdoors face significant and urgent pressures from growing populations, human disturbance, climate change, wildfires, and drought. From the Western Slope to the Eastern Plains, many communities feel they are at an important crossroads. Colorado's Outdoors Strategy ensures a future where outdoors, people, community character, and ways of life endure for generations to come.



# Created to Support Those Stewarding Colorado's Outdoors

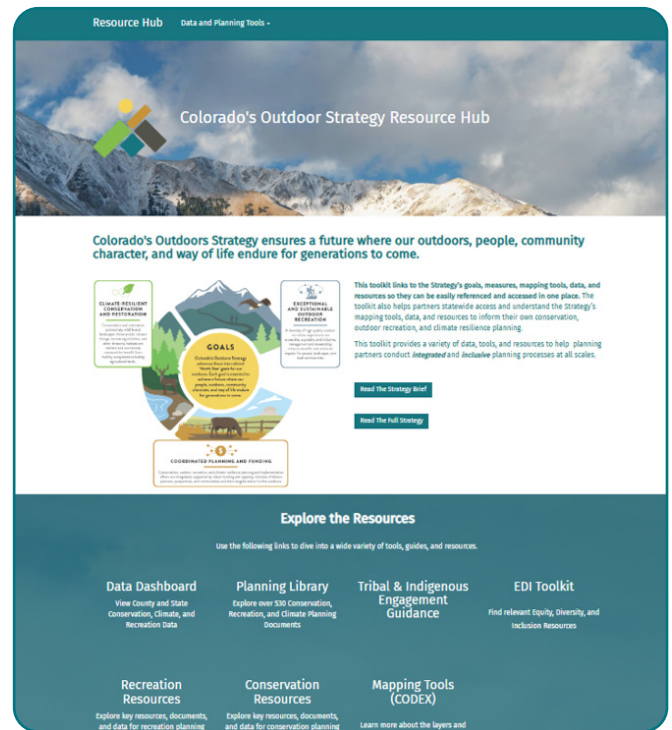
Colorado's Outdoors Strategy advances coordination, tools, and funding to align, prioritize, and implement strategic actions on the landscape for conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience. The Strategy elevates shared goals, strengthens partnerships, catalyzes statewide leadership, and amplifies regionally rooted efforts to address significant and urgent pressures to the outdoors. It comes to life through resources and tools to foster statewide partnerships, coordination, and action.

## Colorado's Outdoors Strategy Resource Hub

The Resource Hub provides online data, mapping tools, and other resources for conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience planning. The Hub is free and available to the many public and private partners and stakeholders engaging in planning efforts for the outdoors.

### WHAT'S IN THE HUB?

- An interactive data dashboard with state and county scale information, data, and links for conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience.
- An interactive plan library that is searchable for federal, Tribal, regional, state, and county scale conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience plans in Colorado.
- Planning resources and guidance for conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience.
- A statewide Guidance Framework for Tribal Collaboration in Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, and Climate Resilience.
- An interactive Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Resource and Action Guide that is searchable by topic area.
- Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer (CODEX) and StoryMap with conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience mapping tools.



*Screenshot of the draft Resource Hub*



# Goals & Objectives

## GOALS



### CLIMATE-RESILIENT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

Conservation and restoration of lands and waters help wildlife and biodiversity thrive; habitats are resilient and connected; communities benefit from healthy ecosystems and agricultural lands.



### EXCEPTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

A diversity of high-quality outdoor experiences are accessible, equitable, and inclusive; management and stewardship enhance benefits for and minimize impacts to people, landscapes, and communities.



### COORDINATED PLANNING AND FUNDING

Planning and implementation are interdisciplinary; supported by robust funding and capacity; inclusive of diverse perspectives and communities; and drive meaningful action for the outdoors.

## OBJECTIVES

#### CONSERVATION:

Increase the conservation of public and private lands and waters with high biodiversity, connectivity, and climate resilience while supporting communities and agricultural lands.

#### RESTORATION:

Increase restoration of public and private lands and waters with high biodiversity, connectivity, and climate resilience, including areas most impacted by increasing populations, human disturbance, and climate change.

#### WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY:

Enhance habitat connectivity and species recovery on public and private lands and waters for wildlife and biodiversity.

#### EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Enhance a broad range of exceptional outdoor recreation experiences, including close-to-home and statewide opportunities that meet diverse needs and interests.

#### EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION:

Increase the accessibility and inclusivity of outdoor experiences and opportunities for diverse and disproportionately impacted communities and individuals.

#### MANAGEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP:

Enhance management capacity and foster stewardship to support exceptional outdoor experiences and opportunities that are sustainable and resilient, avoid and minimize environmental impacts, and respect people and communities.

#### STRATEGIC FUNDING:

Strengthen strategic funding statewide for conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience.

#### COORDINATED PLANNING:

Catalyze and support new and existing conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience planning efforts in alignment with regional and statewide goals.

#### DATA AND TOOLS:

Create and sustain data, mapping tools, and resources to inform planning, priorities, and management for the outdoors.

# Partners & Funding

Coordinating Partners of the Colorado's Outdoors Strategy include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, and Colorado Governor's Office. Key partners include state, federal, and local governments, Tribal Nations; private and agricultural land/water rights owners and managers; local communities; Colorado Regional Partnerships Initiative; Colorado Outdoor Partnership; diverse private and public sector partners in conservation, restoration, outdoor recreation, stewardship, climate resilience, and equity, diversity, and inclusion.



Scan the QR code to learn more about Colorado's Outdoors Strategy.

