GOCO
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO

A SHARED VISION, MADE REAL



Since 1992, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has helped turn Colorado's outdoor priorities into action, investing a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to protect and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. To date, GOCO has invested $1.8 billion in more than 6,000 partner-led projects across all 64 counties. This impact reflects deep collaboration with communities, conservation organizations, Tribes, local governments, state and federal agencies, and other partners committed to Colorado's outdoors, wildlife, and people.

In fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026), GOCO invested $100 million in Colorado Lottery proceeds through its grant programs and partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), supporting land and wildlife conservation, stewardship, and outdoor recreation.



Top: Tolland Ranch. Photo by Bergreen Photography.
Bottom: Photo by Southwest Conservation Corps—Four Corners.

FY 2026 Impact at a Glance

GRANT PROGRAMS

- 114 projects funded in 55 counties
- 34,366 acres conserved
- 9,583 acres restored
- 17 parks and recreation areas built or upgraded
- 407 young people employed in Youth Corps
- 77,904 participants in Generation Wild programs

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

- 43 state parks and recreation areas improved
- 37,628 acres of wildlife habitat protected or improved
- 612 priority wildlife species supported
- 85,000+ people reached through outdoor education



Braun Ranch. Photo by Leigh Scheffey, courtesy of The Conservation Fund.





Top: Poudre River Trail. Photo by City of Fort Collins.
Bottom: Birch Park, Rifle. Photo by Kyle Mills, City of Rifle.

What We Achieved Together

Across Colorado, GOCO grants helped bring community visions to life. Highlights include completing the 45-mile Poudre River Trail, connecting six communities to outdoor recreation, nature, and each other; protecting 347 acres of wildlife habitat and migration corridors at Braun Ranch near Red Rocks; and creating Birch Park in Rifle, a five-acre neighborhood destination for play, gathering, and connection.

GOCO's partner programs amplified its impact. RESTORE Colorado, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, pools funding for large-scale habitat restoration. The Conservation Service Corps program, delivered with the Colorado Youth Corps Association, helps land managers complete critical stewardship projects while giving corps members valuable experience and career-building opportunities. The Transaction Cost Assistance Program, administered by Keep It Colorado, helps land trusts cover conservation easement transaction costs, removing barriers to protecting important lands.

GOCO also supported collaboration statewide. Colorado's Outdoors Strategy is helping partners advance shared goals for climate-resilient conservation and exceptional, sustainable outdoor recreation. In December 2025, GOCO and CPW awarded $9.9 million to 19 projects through the Regional Partnerships Initiative, helping regional collaboratives plan and deliver Strategy-aligned conservation, stewardship, and recreation projects.

Generation Wild, a GOCO-supported program, celebrated 10 years of connecting Colorado's kids and families with the outdoors. Through community-based coalitions, the program has helped more than 436,000 kids and family members access meaningful outdoor experiences. Its statewide communications campaign has reached millions more, inspiring young Coloradans to build curiosity, confidence, and lifelong connections with nature.

Moving Forward with Purpose

Fulfilling GOCO's mission and meeting Colorado's evolving outdoor needs requires collaboration within communities, across regions, and statewide. GOCO will continue to strengthen these critical partnerships, invest in community priorities, and help steward Colorado's Outdoors Strategy. Together, we'll protect and care for our treasured landscapes, wildlife, and recreation opportunities—ensuring the future of our great outdoors.

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