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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENHANCE OUTDOOR RECREATION**
102 **OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, EXPANDING THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND**
104 **WILDLIFE'S CAPACITY FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION**
105 **COORDINATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the division of parks and wildlife (division) in the department of natural resources to expand the division's capacity for

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outdoor recreation coordination, planning, and management and take a leading role in state-level coordination, strategic planning, and implementation of Colorado's outdoors strategy. The division is directed to, among other things, engage with relevant partners, stakeholders, and agencies to coordinate and incorporate wildlife, conservation, recreation, and climate-resilience considerations across agency planning and decision-making processes.

In addition, the division is required to support, in consultation with relevant entities, the planning, development, and maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting private property rights, wildlife, and natural resources.

The bill also requires the division to create, and update at least annually, integrated regional outdoor recreation and conservation planning reports to inform division awareness and operational decision-making.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the
3 "Colorado Outdoor Opportunities Act".

4 **SECTION 2. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 finds and declares that:

6 (a) It is the policy of the state of Colorado that the state's
7 unparalleled landscapes, wildlife, public lands, and outdoor experiences
8 be protected, conserved, and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of
9 current and future generations, while protecting the state's agricultural
10 heritage and private property rights;

11 (b) Outdoor recreation, access to quality outdoor experiences, and
12 the conservation of lands and wildlife habitats, all within the context of
13 a changing climate and growing population, are vital components in
14 ensuring a thriving future for Colorado's outdoors;

15 (c) Outdoor recreation is fundamental to Colorado's economy,
16 culture, and identity, contributing to public health, community well-being,
17 and the development of lifelong connections to the outdoors. Outdoor

1 recreation annually contributes \$65.8 billion to Colorado's economy and
2 supports 404,000 jobs, over 12% of the entire labor force in Colorado.
3 Ensuring safe, high-quality outdoor experiences is essential to sustaining
4 the state's outdoor heritage.

5 (d) Connecting youth to outdoor experiences is vital for ensuring
6 the long-term well-being of the state's residents, since research
7 demonstrates that outdoor engagement supports improved cognitive
8 abilities, fosters creativity and resilience, and is essential for promoting
9 public health and reducing stress, and many communities face barriers to
10 accessing the outdoors and the benefits of spending time in nature;

11 (e) Colorado's outdoors face significant and urgent pressures from
12 growing populations, human disturbance, and development, alongside
13 severe climate-driven impacts such as wildfires, drought, and rising
14 temperatures;

15 (f) Thoughtful planning and management of outdoor recreation
16 can support conservation goals by reducing resource impacts, improving
17 stewardship, and sustaining the long-term health of the state's public
18 lands;

19 (g) Colorado has a long-standing tradition of managing public
20 lands and working landscapes to support a range of compatible uses and
21 affirms that coordinated outdoor recreation management can occur
22 alongside conservation, agricultural operations, and other land uses in
23 ways that support long-term resource stewardship and community values;

24 (h) As more visitors and Coloradans participate in all forms of
25 outdoor recreation, it is important to advance exceptional recreation
26 experiences that are accessible, inclusive, and sustainable so that future
27 generations may continue to enjoy the state's world-class outdoor

1 opportunities;

2 (i) To effectively manage these challenges, the state must
3 strengthen collaboration across conservation, wildlife, agriculture, and
4 recreation partners, local governments, Tribal governments, and federal
5 land managers; develop shared tools and data; advance coordinated
6 planning that recognizes that Colorado's public and private lands support
7 multiple uses; and align funding to support voluntary, strategic actions
8 that sustain high-quality recreation opportunities while maintaining
9 resilient landscapes, wildlife habitat, working lands, and community
10 values for all Coloradans;

11 (j) Colorado's outdoors strategy, developed by the department of
12 natural resources, the division of parks and wildlife, great outdoors
13 Colorado, the office of climate preparedness in the governor's office, and
14 the outdoor recreation industry office in the office of economic
15 development, in collaboration with partners and stakeholders, provides
16 the necessary statewide vision and coordination to advance conservation,
17 climate resilience, and outdoor recreation opportunities;

18 (k) The general assembly recognizes the role that the Colorado
19 outdoor regional partnerships initiative, created by the governor's
20 executive order B 2020 008, plays in convening vital perspectives,
21 partners, and expertise in land conservation, land use, and recreation
22 planning. The initiative is a locally driven and powerful platform for early
23 and proactive coordination among stakeholders, helping to identify shared
24 priorities, reduce conflict, and advance tangible outcomes for outdoor
25 recreation and conservation statewide.

26 (l) The division of parks and wildlife engages and will continue
27 to engage in formal consultation with Tribal governments, including the

1 Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, which are the
2 two federally recognized tribes with reservations in Colorado, when the
3 division is requested to do so and when issues of importance to Tribal
4 governments arise, which issues concern outdoor recreation or division
5 actions on state public lands that may affect Tribal sovereignty or treaty
6 rights of the Tribal governments in Colorado, including history, culture,
7 and natural and cultural resources;

8 (m) Meaningful engagement with tribal nations is important, and
9 the collaborative framework developed in Colorado's outdoors strategy
10 is crucial to support ongoing tribal participation in statewide outdoor
11 recreation and conservation efforts;

12 (n) The outdoor recreation industry office plays a vital role in
13 advancing outdoor recreation. The mission of the office is to champion
14 industry, communities, and people through Colorado's great outdoors. The
15 office is a vital partner for the division of parks and wildlife in
16 coordinating outdoor recreation industry partnerships and supporting the
17 division in planning and outcomes for the advancement of exceptional
18 and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities.

19 (o) Local governments are also critical partners in outdoor
20 recreation planning, coordination, and management, and recreation
21 impacts communities in different ways. For example, counties and
22 municipalities frequently experience increased and unique demands
23 related to outdoor recreation, including emergency services. It is essential
24 that the state work in partnership with local governments to manage these
25 impacts and advance locally driven visions for outdoor recreation.

26 (p) With approximately 60% of Colorado land in private
27 ownership, working with private landowners is also essential to the

1 success of Colorado's outdoors strategy, and it is important to ensure that
2 agricultural interests, private landowners, including private landowners
3 adjacent to outdoor recreation development, and local governments are
4 integrally involved in state efforts; wildlife habitats are protected; and
5 private property rights are upheld as conservation and recreation
6 management decisions are made;

7 (q) The division of parks and wildlife possesses a long history of
8 outdoor recreation planning, management, and recreational asset delivery
9 through its state parks system, which serves as a significant source of
10 exceptional and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities. The
11 division's responsibilities extend beyond state park boundaries and
12 encompass outdoor recreation coordination, wildlife conservation, and
13 support for partners managing lands across all jurisdictions. As a leader
14 in outdoor recreation management, the division is well-positioned to play
15 a critical coordinating role in advancing outdoor recreation planning and
16 management statewide, beyond the boundaries of its current 43 state
17 parks.

18 (r) The division of parks and wildlife assumes lead responsibility
19 as the state's coordinating entity for advancing implementation of
20 Colorado's outdoors strategy, in partnership with the department of
21 natural resources, great outdoors Colorado, the outdoor recreation
22 industry office, the office of climate preparedness, and other state and
23 local government partners. In this role, the division facilitates early and
24 proactive coordination and planning among agencies and stakeholders to
25 reduce conflict, improve efficiency, and ensure accountability in
26 advancing its goals and vision to find mutually beneficial outcomes that
27 support and maintain Colorado's world-class outdoor recreation and

1 natural resources.

2 (2) The general assembly further finds the need to expand and
3 strengthen the division of parks and wildlife's capacity for the
4 coordination, planning, development, and management of Colorado's
5 outdoor recreation to ensure the state's recreation opportunities provide
6 high-quality visitor experiences that are responsibly managed to align
7 natural resources, wildlife, agricultural heritage, private property, and
8 public safety. The general assembly further recognizes that 36% of
9 Colorado is federal public land and a significant amount of recreation in
10 Colorado occurs on federal public lands; therefore, there is a growing
11 need for the division to support recreation management and stewardship
12 on federal public lands, which necessitates increased staff capacity and
13 enhanced coordination with federal land management agencies, without
14 expenditures from the wildlife cash fund created in section 33-1-112
15 (1)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes.

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-10-102, add (1.5),
17 (2.5), (2.7), (2.9), (7.5), (10.5), and (13.5) as follows:

18 **33-10-102. Definitions.**

19 As used in articles 10 to 15 of this title 33, unless the context
20 otherwise requires:

21 (1.5) "ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES" MEANS OUTDOOR RECREATION
22 OPPORTUNITIES THAT LOWER BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION AND
23 ENJOYMENT, SUCH AS BY MEETING THE NEEDS OF DISPROPORTIONATELY
24 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE OR
25 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES, OR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
26 DISABILITIES, WITH THE GOAL OF ENABLING EVERYONE TO EXPLORE THE
27 OUTDOORS AND BE PART OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF

1 MOBILITY OR OTHER LIMITATIONS.

2 (2.5) "COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY" MEANS "COLORADO'S
3 OUTDOORS STRATEGY: A COLLABORATIVE VISION FOR CONSERVATION,
4 OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE (2025)", PREPARED, IN
5 COLLABORATION WITH A BROAD RANGE OF PARTNERS, BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION, GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, THE OUTDOOR
7 RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS,
8 AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT UPDATES.

9 (2.7) "COORDINATING PARTNERS" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT,
10 GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, THE OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY
11 OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS.

12 (2.9) "EXCEPTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION"
13 MEANS THE BROAD RANGE OF NATURE- AND PLACE-BASED EXPERIENCES
14 THAT ARE ENJOYED BY A DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE AND THAT PROVIDE
15 HIGH-QUALITY, INCLUSIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR PRESENT
16 AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WHILE RESPECTING THE LONG-TERM
17 ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE
18 POPULATIONS, WORKING LANDS, AND COMMUNITIES UPON WHICH THOSE
19 EXPERIENCES DEPEND.

20 (7.5) "GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO" MEANS THE GREAT
21 OUTDOORS COLORADO PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE XXVII OF THE
22 STATE CONSTITUTION AND IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60 OF
23 THIS TITLE 33.

24 (10.5) "OFFICE OF CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS" MEANS THE OFFICE OF
25 CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.8-102 (1).

26 (13.5) "OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE" MEANS THE
27 OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION

1 24-48.5-129.

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-10-119 as
3 follows:

4 **33-10-119. Parks and outdoor recreation capacity - outdoor**
5 **recreation coordination, planning, and management - duties of the**
6 **division - planning reports - legislative declaration.**

7 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (a) IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DIVISION PERPETUATE THE WILDLIFE
9 RESOURCES OF THE STATE, PROVIDE A HIGH-QUALITY STATE PARKS
10 SYSTEM, AND PROVIDE ENJOYABLE AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR
11 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CURRENT AND
12 FUTURE GENERATIONS TO SERVE AS ACTIVE STEWARDS OF THE STATE'S
13 NATURAL RESOURCES;

14 (b) THE DIVISION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-9-101, PROVIDES A
15 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO OFFER THE GREATEST POSSIBLE
16 VARIETY OF EXCEPTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION
17 OPPORTUNITIES TO STATE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS; AND

18 (c) THE DIVISION IS BEST POSITIONED TO SERVE AS THE STATE'S
19 COORDINATING ENTITY FOR ADVANCING IMPLEMENTATION OF
20 COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY, IN COLLABORATION WITH
21 COORDINATING PARTNERS AND OTHER STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; AND
23 INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, PRIVATE
24 LANDOWNERS, RECREATION AND RECREATION PROVIDER STAKEHOLDERS,
25 CONSERVATION STAKEHOLDERS, AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS, AND
26 WILDLIFE AND SPORTSPERSON STAKEHOLDERS. IN THIS ROLE, THE DIVISION
27 SHOULD FACILITATE PLANNING AND DATA COORDINATION AMONG

1 PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT COORDINATION AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY IN ADVANCING THE STRATEGY'S GOALS AND VISION.

3 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE
4 ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY SUFFICIENT TO EFFECTIVELY EXECUTE THE
5 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

6 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL:

7 (a) ENSURE THAT OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ARE PRIORITIZED
8 AND REPRESENTED WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DIVISION; AND

9 (b) DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVISION TO INCREASE
10 COORDINATION BETWEEN OUTDOOR RECREATION, WILDLIFE,
11 AGRICULTURAL, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENCE EFFORTS AND INTERAGENCY
12 PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES.

13 (4) IN IMPLEMENTING SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION,
14 THE DIVISION SHALL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

15 (a) STRENGTHENING THE DIVISION'S CAPACITY FOR COORDINATED
16 RECREATION MANAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, TO
17 ANTICIPATE AND WORK THROUGH POTENTIAL CONFLICTS, BY
18 COORDINATING AND INCORPORATING WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION,
19 RECREATION, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENCE CONSIDERATIONS ACROSS
20 DIVISION PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING AND IN ALIGNMENT WITH
21 LOCAL PERSPECTIVES;

22 (b) PROACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL
23 GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; AND
24 INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, PRIVATE
25 LANDOWNERS, RECREATION AND RECREATION PROVIDER STAKEHOLDERS,
26 CONSERVATION STAKEHOLDERS, STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING A
27 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION

1 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II), AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS, AND WILDLIFE AND
2 SPORTSPERSON STAKEHOLDERS, TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSPECTIVES AND
3 AREAS OF EXPERTISE ARE CONSIDERED IN THE DIVISION'S PLANNING AND
4 MANAGEMENT PROCESSES;

5 (c) ADVANCING AND FORMALIZING INTERNAL PROCESSES TO
6 BETTER INTEGRATE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCE
7 MANAGEMENT INTO THE DIVISION'S CORE OPERATIONS, ENSURING
8 COORDINATION BETWEEN RECREATION ACCESS, AGRICULTURAL WORKING
9 LANDS, AND WILDLIFE AND HABITAT STEWARDSHIP;

10 (d) COORDINATING AND BALANCING THE DIVISION'S
11 PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING PUBLIC PLANNING,
12 FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT, AND LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT, TO
13 ENSURE THAT RECREATION, WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, AGRICULTURE, AND
14 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES ARE CONSISTENTLY REPRESENTED;

15 (e) COLLABORATING CLOSELY WITH COORDINATING PARTNERS TO
16 LEAD ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO ADVANCE A
17 COORDINATED AND UNIFIED APPROACH TO ENHANCING OUTDOOR
18 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, MANAGEMENT, AND PLANNING AT THE
19 STATE LEVEL;

20 (f) PROACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH TRIBAL NATIONS THROUGH THE
21 FRAMEWORK COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED IN COLORADO'S OUTDOORS
22 STRATEGY, ENSURING THAT TRIBAL PERSPECTIVES AND PRIORITIES ARE
23 MEANINGFULLY INCORPORATED INTO STATEWIDE PLANNING AND
24 COORDINATION PROCESSES; AND

25 (g) SERVING AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION ON BEST
26 PRACTICES, TOOLS, AND STRATEGIES, INCLUDING THROUGH
27 ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORADO OUTDOORS STRATEGY TOOLKIT, TO

1 SUPPORT INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INCLUSIVE PLANNING PROCESSES AT ALL
2 LEVELS.

3 (5) CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION AND DIRECTIVES OF THE
4 DIVISION OUTLINED IN THIS ARTICLE 10, AND AS THE STATE AGENCY WITH
5 PRIMARY COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND
6 SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNING, SUSTAINABLE VISITOR
7 USE MANAGEMENT, AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COORDINATION, THE
8 DIVISION SHALL:

9 (a) PROVIDE PROACTIVE APPROACHES TO VISITOR USE
10 MANAGEMENT TO FOSTER OUTCOMES THAT SUPPORT IMPROVED OUTDOOR
11 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES, NATURAL RESOURCE
12 CONSERVATION, AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS AND WORKING
13 LANDS; ■

14 (b) IN ALIGNMENT WITH COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY,
15 SUPPORT THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR
16 RECREATION FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
17 STATEWIDE, WITH THE GOAL OF ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE AND
18 EXCEPTIONAL OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES WHILE PROTECTING PRIVATE
19 PROPERTY RIGHTS, AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS ON WORKING LANDS,
20 WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

21 (c) IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION
22 (5), APPLY AN INTEGRATED APPROACH THAT CONSIDERS OUTDOOR
23 RECREATION ACCESS, VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION,
24 WILDLIFE HABITAT, WORKING LANDS, AND LONG-TERM RESOURCE
25 STEWARDSHIP SO THAT THESE USES, TAKEN TOGETHER, BEST MEET
26 PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS WITHOUT PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OF THE
27 PRODUCTIVITY OR HEALTH OF THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, TO THE

1 EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW.

2 (6) CONSISTENT WITH THE DIVISION'S MISSION AND THE
3 OBJECTIVES OF COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY, THE DIVISION SHALL
4 WORK TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION, WILDLIFE
5 CONSERVATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE OUTCOMES THROUGH
6 COLLABORATION, DATA INTEGRATION, PROACTIVE PLANNING, STRATEGIC
7 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT, AND REPORTING. TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES RELATED
8 TO STATEWIDE OUTDOOR COORDINATION, THE DIVISION SHALL:

9 (a) LEAD AND COORDINATE ACROSS STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL
10 GOVERNMENT PARTNERS AND TRIBAL NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN
11 REGIONAL OUTDOOR PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATED VOLUNTARY EFFORTS
12 ASSOCIATED WITH COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY; AND

13 (b) (I) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A RECURRING INTERNAL
14 COORDINATION AND REPORTING PROCESS, INCLUDING BY CREATING
15 PLANNING REPORTS, TO INTEGRATE DATA, PRIORITIES, AND OUTCOMES
16 FROM WILDLIFE, RECREATION, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, AND REGIONAL
17 OUTDOOR PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS, ENSURING ALIGNMENT WITH THE GOALS
18 OF COLORADO'S OUTDOORS STRATEGY AND OTHER DIVISION EFFORTS
19 BOTH REGIONALLY AND ACROSS THE DIVISION. IN CREATING PLANNING
20 REPORTS, THE DIVISION SHALL:

21 (A) INTEGRATE AND SUMMARIZE KEY METRICS, OUTCOMES,
22 OPPORTUNITIES, NEEDS, AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FROM STATEWIDE
23 AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES;

24 (B) COLLABORATE WITH STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS; AND
26 INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, PRIVATE
27 LANDOWNERS, RECREATION AND RECREATION PROVIDER STAKEHOLDERS,

1 CONSERVATION STAKEHOLDERS, AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS, AND
2 WILDLIFE AND SPORTSPERSON STAKEHOLDERS;

3 (C) ESTABLISH PROCESSES WITH STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
4 AND ASSOCIATED PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE OUTDOOR RECREATION
5 INDUSTRY OFFICE AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO PROGRAM, TO
6 IMPROVE COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY ACROSS AGENCY PARTNERS;

7 (D) APPLY PROACTIVE AND ADAPTIVE APPROACHES TO THE
8 DEVELOPMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION
9 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM RESOURCE VIABILITY;

10 (E) IDENTIFY AREAS OF ALIGNMENT AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT
11 AMONG RECREATION, WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, AGRICULTURAL, AND
12 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND FACILITATE COLLABORATIVE
13 PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESSES WITH RELEVANT PARTNERS TO SUPPORT
14 MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL OUTCOMES;

15 (F) EMPLOY DATA-INFORMED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR
16 PLANNING AND INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC LANDS AND REGIONAL OUTDOOR
17 RECREATION RESOURCES TO SUPPORT SHARED UNDERSTANDING AND
18 INFORMED DECISION-MAKING AMONG PARTNERS;

19 (G) INCORPORATE CLIMATE-RESILIENCE STRATEGIES FOR
20 REGIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PLANNING TO
21 ADVANCE THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF THE STATE'S NATURAL
22 AND COMMUNITY ASSETS; ■

23 (H) COORDINATE ACROSS THE DIVISION TO ENSURE THE BEST
24 AVAILABLE INFORMATION, INPUT, AND COLLABORATION. IN PARTICULAR,
25 THE DIVISION SHALL ENSURE COORDINATION BETWEEN WILDLIFE,
26 RECREATION, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENCE EFFORTS WITHIN THE DIVISION;

27 AND

1 (I) CONSIDER AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO ENABLE
2 STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS TO ADVANCE CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND
3 CLIMATE-RESILIENCE EFFORTS WITHIN THE DIVISION.

4 (II) THE DIVISION SHALL:

5 (A) REFER TO THE PLANNING REPORTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
6 (6)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO INFORM DIVISION PLANNING, OUTREACH,
7 INVESTMENT, AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES; AND

8 (B) UPDATE THE PLANNING REPORTS AT LEAST ANNUALLY TO
9 REFLECT THE LATEST KNOWLEDGE AND ANY ASSOCIATED PLANNING
10 UPDATES AND FACILITATE IMPROVED AWARENESS AND COORDINATION
11 WITHIN THE DIVISION AND AMONG THE DIVISION AND OTHER AGENCIES.

12 (7) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION:

13 (a) REQUIRES ACTION OR PARTICIPATION FROM A PRIVATE OR
14 NON-STATE-GOVERNMENT ENTITY; ■

15 (b) GRANTS THE DIVISION DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OVER
16 MATTERS THAT ARE WITHIN ANOTHER ENTITY'S JURISDICTION; OR

17 (c) ALTERS OR DIMINISHES THE DIVISION'S EXISTING STATUTORY
18 RESPONSIBILITIES TO PERPETUATE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES OF THE STATE
19 AND TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM. THE
20 AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION COMPLEMENTS THE DIVISION'S
21 MISSION AND EXISTING OBLIGATIONS;

22 (d) SUPERSEDES, ABROGATES, OR IMPAIRS THE RIGHT TO DIVERT
23 WATER AND APPLY WATER TO BENEFICIAL USES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XVI OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, COMPACTS
25 ENTERED INTO BY THE STATE, ARTICLES 80 TO 92 OF TITLE 37, OR STATE
26 COURT DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE DETERMINATION AND
27 ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS. A PERSON SHALL NOT CONSTRUE,

1 ENFORCE, OR APPLY THIS SECTION TO CAUSE OR RESULT IN MATERIAL
2 INJURY TO WATER RIGHTS; OR

3 (e) REQUIRES, MANDATES, OR OTHERWISE COMPELS A PUBLIC OR
4 PRIVATE LANDOWNER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO LAND FOR RECREATIONAL
5 PURPOSES OR ALTERS EXISTING STATE LAWS GOVERNING PROPERTY
6 RIGHTS, EASEMENTS, OR LANDOWNER LIABILITY.

7 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.