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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Catlin; McLachlan Sen. Will	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** **SUNSET NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL**

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<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

**Sunset bill.** This bill continues the Natural Areas Council in the Department of Natural Resources, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The program is continued until September 1, 2034.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Natural Areas Council in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) repeals on September 1, 2024. The bill continues the council until September 1, 2034.

## Background

The Natural Areas Council was created in 1977 to advise and make recommendations to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on the designation and use of natural areas on the Natural Areas Registry. It is made up of seven members, appointed by the commission, State Board of Land Commissioners, and the Governor. Council members do not receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses.

The sunset report by the Department of Regulatory Agencies is available [here](#).

## **Continuing Program Impacts**

Based on sunset report, the Department of Natural Resources had minimal expenditures to administer the council in FY 2022-23. Any program expenses are paid from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund, using Great Outdoors Colorado funding that is not appropriated by the General Assembly. If this bill is enacted, minimal expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2024-25. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2024 and any money that would have been spent on the council will be shifted to other allowable uses within the Natural Resources Management Program in DNR starting in FY 2024-25. No change in appropriations is required.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 19, 2024, and takes effect on August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Natural Resources

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).