

**The Pew Charitable Trusts**  
**Multistate River Conservation and Restoration Survey**

Aug. 25-Sept. 5, 2021  
 1,542 Registered Voters

1,542 respondents (310 in CA, 301 in CO, 314 in NM, 315 in OR, 302 in WA)

Q.1 Would you like to take this survey in English or in Spanish?<sup>1</sup>

	Total	CA	CO	NM	OR	WA
English.....	97%	92%	97%	95%	100%	100%
Spanish.....	3%	8%	3%	5%	0%	0%

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Q.2 First of all, are you currently registered to vote in (state name)?

	Total	CA	CO	NM	OR	WA
Yes .....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
No.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Don't know/refused).....	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Q.3 Do you or does anyone in your household have a license to hunt or fish?

	Total	CA	CO	NM	OR	WA
Yes, hunting.....	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%
Yes, fishing .....	12%	9%	15%	12%	11%	13%
Yes, both.....	14%	5%	16%	16%	18%	14%
No.....	71%	85%	66%	67%	67%	72%
(Don't know/refused).....	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%

**Total yes ..... 27% 14% 33% 31% 31% 27%**

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Q.4 In the last two years, how often would you say you explored or visited rivers?

	Total	CA	CO	NM	OR	WA
Several times a month, including weekly or daily .....	15%	6%	16%	12%	25%	17%
Several times each year.....	20%	14%	20%	21%	23%	22%
A handful of times .....	22%	17%	27%	19%	24%	22%
Less than a handful.....	16%	21%	17%	13%	14%	14%
Never .....	27%	41%	20%	36%	14%	25%
(Don't know/refused).....	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.



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Q.5 Now I'd like to ask you about protected rivers in the United States. Currently less than one-half of 1 percent of rivers in the U.S. are protected by the federal government through designation as a Wild and Scenic River. A Wild and Scenic River designation protects the river by allowing it to flow freely without being obstructed by a dam or other barriers. Would you support or oppose increasing the number of protected rivers?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>WA</b>
Strongly support.....	44%	46%	40%	49%	39%	47%
Somewhat support.....	23%	25%	22%	26%	20%	22%
Somewhat oppose.....	10%	5%	15%	8%	13%	9%
Strongly oppose.....	11%	8%	10%	8%	16%	14%
(Don't know/refused).....	12%	16%	13%	10%	12%	8%
<b>Total Support.....</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Total Oppose.....</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Difference between Support and Oppose.....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>(percentage points)</b>						

1,203 respondents (263 in CA, 226 in CO, 268 in NM, 220 in OR, 226 in WA)

Q.6 (IF SUPPORT OR DK IN Q.6) In your opinion, what percentage of rivers should be protected by the federal government?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>WA</b>
100 percent.....	27%	26%	26%	28%	29%	27%
75 – 99 percent.....	15%	17%	15%	17%	10%	13%
51 – 74 percent.....	5%	6%	7%	4%	3%	6%
50 percent.....	12%	11%	11%	10%	10%	16%
26 – 49 percent.....	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%
1 – 25 percent.....	13%	9%	11%	16%	15%	13%
0 percent.....	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know/Never heard.....	22%	23%	25%	19%	27%	19%
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>

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Q.7 As you may know, Congress and states have the authority to protect our rivers to preserve water quality.

Some people say we should increase clean water protections in order to make rivers more drinkable, swimmable, and fishable.

Other people say we have enough regulations, and more regulations will limit economic development.

What about you? Would you support or oppose increasing the number of protected rivers?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>WA</b>
Strongly support.....	52%	58%	45%	53%	51%	54%
Somewhat support .....	19%	19%	25%	19%	18%	17%
Somewhat oppose .....	10%	8%	9%	14%	11%	9%
Strongly oppose .....	13%	10%	16%	9%	16%	15%
(Don't know/refused).....	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%
<b>Total Support.....</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Total Oppose.....</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Difference between Support and Oppose .....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>(percentage points)</b>						