You care about Colorado’s environmental legacy.

DO YOUR LEGISLATORS?
The scorecard highlights the priorities of the conservation community in the 2013 legislative session. You will find factual, nonpartisan information about how each member of the legislature voted on important issues that affect Colorado’s air, land, water and people. We invite you to examine the scores of your representative and your senator and to see how well their votes match up with your conservation values. We encourage you to call or write your legislators and let them know you follow their environmental scores. Phone numbers and email addresses of your elected officials can be found at conservationco.org.

Conservation Colorado turns conservation values into Colorado priorities.

2013 OVERVIEW
The Conservation Community passed profound legislation that will move us forward with innovative solutions to power our communities, advance clean transportation solutions and use our natural resources wisely.

INCREASING THE RURAL RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD
Colorado has built a reputation as a leader in promoting solar, wind and other renewable energy sources. During the 2013 session, the conservation community, in partnership with allies in the renewable energy industry, legislative champions and supportive businesses, took a strong step toward ensuring rural areas of the state have increased access to renewable resources. This is important for our economy, job growth and the long-term health of our communities.

CLEANER TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
A suite of bills eliminating barriers to large-scale electric vehicle usage put Colorado at the forefront of states working to clean up their transportation sector. Bills that would move electric vehicles from the showroom to the road addressed two important hurdles – higher upfront costs and concerns about limited driving range. With these laws in place, we can expect to see many more electric vehicles on the road which will help us reduce our carbon footprint and lead to cleaner air.

USING NATURAL RESOURCES WISELY
In Colorado, our natural resources – including our water and energy resources – are a part of our heritage. While we often debate the use of these resources, we have not given enough attention to the important issue of conserving them through more efficient use. Bills this year ensured that we will improve water conservation by authorizing the use of graywater, or recycled water, for basic activities and increase energy efficiency in our buildings, schools and communities. We know that one key to smart water and energy policy is to simply use less and Colorado continues to move in this direction.

While we made great strides this session, there is more to be done. Oil and gas drilling is booming in Colorado with more than 50,000 wells in the state and many more on the way. Communities across the state raised serious concerns about the impacts of this heavy industrial activity. In addition to direct community impacts, oil and gas drilling raises large-scale environmental concerns ranging from more ozone pollution to potential water contamination to increased emissions of greenhouse gases. While it is extremely important to address oil and gas impacts, it is hard to do politically; the oil and gas industry is wealthy and has an army of lobbyists at the capitol. In addition, Governor Hickenlooper is a strong supporter of the industry and has resisted many of the efforts to better regulate oil and gas activity in Colorado.

Despite these long odds, homeowners, local governments, conservation groups and public health experts came together to advocate for protection of our air, water and communities from drilling impacts. Nearly a dozen common-sense bills were introduced that would have increased transparency and accountability over the oil and gas industry. Ultimately, a large-scale lobby effort by the industry defeated these efforts and communities’ hopes of greater protections.

Despite this setback, concerned Coloradans, legislators and impacted residents will continue to push for comprehensive solutions to protect our communities, environment and public health.
Senate Bill 252

RURAL RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

Sponsors: President John Morse, Senator Gail Schwartz, Speaker Mark Ferrandino and Representative Crisanta Duran

House Vote: 37-27-1
Senate Vote: 18-17

PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE: YES

Governor Hickenlooper Signed into Law on: 6/5/13

Description: Increased the renewable energy standard from 10% to 20% for rural co-ops of 100,000 meters or more and cooperative wholesale electric associations. In addition to traditional renewable energy sources, the bill expanded the eligible energy resources to include pyrolysis and coal mine methane capture when there was a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions with their deployment.

Colorado has been a national leader in promoting solar, wind and other renewable resources for nearly a decade. Despite this fact, rural areas of Colorado were largely left behind - until this year. A powerful coalition of clean energy businesses, legislative champions and conservation groups came together during the session to ensure that Coloradans across the state could join in our clean energy future. SB 252 will ensure that co-ops obtain 20% of their resources from renewable energy sources by 2020. The bill also encourages capture of methane from coal mines and other innovative solutions that provide clear climate benefits.

Of course, underlying our efforts on renewable energy is the urgent need to aggressively tackle climate change. We are seeing more and more climate impacts in Colorado – longer and more severe fire seasons, reduced snowpacks, less healthy forests and warmer temperatures to name a few. The need to act now is urgent. Turning away from dirty fossil fuels by increasing our use of clean, non-polluting sources of power is a strong step in the right direction.

House Bill 1044

AUTHORIZE GRAYWATER USE

Sponsors: Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Randy Fischer

House: 63-0
Senate: 35-0

PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE: YES

Governor Hickenlooper Signed into Law on: 5/15/13

Description: The use of graywater, pre-treated wastewater collected from sources like showers and washing machines, provides an opportunity to lessen demand on our limited water supplies. HB 1044 clarifies how graywater can be used, authorizing the Water Quality Control Commission to establish statewide standards. The success of this multi-year effort means Colorado will finally join our neighbors in the West in utilizing this common-sense water saving practice.

House Bill 1191

NUTRIENT GRANT DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Sponsors: Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Randy Fischer

House: 40-23-2
Senate: 23-12

PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE: YES

Governor Hickenlooper Signed into Law on: 5/10/13

Description: HB 1191 awards grants to local governments so that they can update their wastewater treatment plants to ensure compliance with the Water Quality Control Commission’s nutrient control regulations. Many domestic wastewater treatment plants are out of date and out of compliance. HB 1191 helps local governments plan, design, construct or improve their facilities to ensure legal compliance and to protect the health of our rivers.

Senate Bill 279

K-12 SCHOOL ENERGY RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Sponsors: Senator Andy Kerr and Representative Cheri Gerou

House Vote: 39-26
Senate Vote: 18-17

PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE: YES

Governor Hickenlooper Signed into Law on: 6/5/13

Description: The bill ensures new Colorado school buildings are constructed in accordance with high efficiency standards such as Energy Star or LEED. Both of these standards provide inexpensive and flexible modeling to ensure schools achieve high efficiency standards. Increasing the number of green schools lowers energy bills and saves taxpayers money.

Clean ENERGY

K-12 school energy
RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

House Vote: 37-27-1
Senate Vote: 18-17

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Water
This session, for the third year in a row, we saw blatant attacks on our federal public lands. Senate Bill 142 and Senate Joint Resolution 031, both sponsored by Sen. Scott Renfroe and Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg, would have demanded that the federal government surrender the title to many public lands in Colorado. This public land grab has been cropping up across the West, even passing the legislature in Utah where it now faces years of costly taxpayer-funded legal challenges. Even though this type of ideological “message” bill has little chance of passage in Colorado, it is important to educate legislators that Coloradans overwhelmingly support conservation of our public lands and understand they are critical to supporting Colorado’s $13 billion outdoor recreation industry. These two measures both failed on committee votes, with work from Conservation Colorado and our coalition partners providing guidance on these and other public lands issues this session.
Faced with increased heavy industrial drilling and fracking moving closer to our communities, citizens across the state are demanding stronger protections for our air, water and communities. Concerns range from the health of our groundwater resources to the number of inspectors on the ground to detect when drilling goes awry. These concerns, coupled with the fact that the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) failed earlier this year to pass meaningful rules to protect our communities and groundwater, made oil and gas drilling in Colorado a hot topic under the gold dome this year. As a result, more than ten bills to increase transparency and accountability over the oil and gas industry were introduced this session.

See page 8 for a description of some of these bills. As noted in the introduction to this Scorecard, the politics of more closely regulating the oil and gas industry are challenging. Aside from a small increase in inspectors and a modest improvement in spill reporting, the oil and gas industry's well-funded lobby succeeded in killing all the proposed reforms. To make matters worse, at times the State itself joined the oil and gas industry in working to weaken or kill bills. An example is when the director of the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) went so far as to testify against a health impact study bill.

While seeing these bills die this session is disappointing, it is not the last word on this subject. Concerted organizing and advocacy will eventually allow us to better regulate this industry and protect our communities and environment.
Coloradans widely identify as conservationists and view Colorado parks and public lands as essential components of the state’s economy that should be permanently protected from drilling.

68% of Coloradans across partisan, ethnic and generational lines identify as conservationists.

ON CLIMATE
63% of state voters attribute the increasing number of extreme weather events – like droughts – at least in part to climate change.

ON PUBLIC LANDS
62% of state voters support public lands protections such that “strong standards are in place and that drilling is not allowed in critical locations near recreation areas, water sources, and wildlife” rather than supporting “more public lands to be opened to responsible energy development” (33%).

ON JOBS
85% of Centennial State voters believe the presence of protected public lands in the state helps to attract high quality employers and good jobs to Colorado.

ON WATER
93% of Coloradans view the health of our rivers as a serious problem, matched by concern about low levels of snowpack in the mountains.

98% Almost every Coloradan (98%) says that public lands are an “essential part” of Colorado’s economy.

ON ENERGY
When asked to provide the two energy sources they would encourage, Coloradans strongly support the use of solar energy (56%) and wind energy (56%) over any other source. Support for renewables is seven times higher than for coal (8%) and more than twice as high as natural gas (24%).

ON CONSERVATIONISTS
82% of Coloradans plan to visit a national park in 2013.

The conservation victories of the 2013 session would not have been possible without key leaders and conservation champions in both the House and Senate.

LEADERSHIP
Senate President John Morse and Majority Leader Morgan Carroll, both long-time conservation champions, were instrumental in marshaling support for pro-conservation legislation this session. Senator Morse was the driving force behind SB 252, the bill that increased the rural renewable energy standard. His vision, leadership and political strategy ensured that Colorado will benefit from more wind, solar and other renewable resources. Sen. Carroll played a critical role in championing stronger oil and gas protections.

Speaker of the House Mark Ferrandino and Majority Leader Dickey Lee Hullinghorst achieved great results for conservation this session. Both worked tirelessly on conservation issues including increasing the rural renewable energy standard, expanding access to electric vehicles, protecting our rivers and common-sense oil and gas protections.

CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS PLAY A KEY ROLE
Senator Gail Schwartz played an important role on conservation issues this year representing the West Slope. She chairs a key committee tasked with hearing many of the bills highlighted in this scorecard and continued to build her conservation legacy by leading on numerous issues including water, energy and wildlife, among others.

Senator Angela Giron chairs the critical State Affairs committee that heard Senate Bill 252. Sen. Giron worked hard to guide that bill and others through her committee as well as sponsoring pro-environment bills and working to win votes on the floor of the Senate.

Representatives Max Tyler and Randy Fischer guided several bills through long and sometimes contentious committee hearings. Their hard work in committee, on the floor and in providing leadership with many new legislators on conservation issues, ensured several important victories.

Representative Crisanta Duran brought a new level of dedication to conservation issues this session. As a member of the Joint Budget Committee she worked to increase the number of oil and gas inspectors at the COGCC. She brought legislation to expand access to electric vehicles and dedicated herself to the passage of Senate Bill 252.

RISING STARS
With 31 new incoming legislators it might be hard to stand out in a crowd of fresh faces. Fortunately, several new legislators brought a commitment to conservation to the legislature and left a mark on conservation issues.

Senator Jessie Ulibarri brought his passion and smarts to the legislature, sponsoring HB 1316 to close the water quality loophole in the Greater Wattenberg Area and championing SB 252. Senator Ulibarri made a powerful case for expanded renewable energy, highlighting the disproportionate impact of dirty energy on low income populations.

Senator Matt Jones transitioned from the House to the Senate but did not lose his passion for conservation in his new seat. As a member of the State Affairs, Agriculture, and Energy & Transportation Committees he played an important role on many key conservation bills. His leadership on oil and gas issues, expanding access to electric vehicles and energy efficiency legislation stood out this year.

Representative Mike Foote took the lead on efforts to bring transparency and accountability to oil and gas operations in Colorado. The bills were ultimately not successful but, thanks to his leadership, we have new momentum on oil and gas issues.

Representative Diane Mitsch-Bush emerged as a new champion from the West Slope, bringing her passion for sustainability and preserving our rural areas to the State House. Her role on both the Transportation & Energy and the Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committees was invaluable as was her work on both oil and gas issues and expanding renewable energy.

Representative Leroy Garcia was a welcome addition to the House. His key seat on the Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee provided an important voice for conservation issues. His successful inaugural session gives us reason to think he’ll be a long-time champion for conservation.
### 2013 House Votes

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| Legislator                  | District | Number in Colorado Legislature | SB 68 752 Real Renewable Energy Standard | SB 77 821 Oil & Gas Protection Act | SB 279 K-12 School Energy Resource Efficiency | SB 778 Carbon Capture and Storage Research Development | SB 1101 Authorize Add-on for Distributed Energy Resource | SB 1736 Authorize local Government Use of HUTF for Transit | SB 1364 Bill Allowing Clean Water Testing | SB 1297 Authorize Local Government to have the Right to know | SB 1044 Authorize Grand Donor to Municipal Water District | SB 1362 SD 280 Authorize incentive Payment for Oil and Gas Wellhead Video Monitoring | SB 1366 SD 280 Authorize incentive Payment for Oil and Gas Wellhead Video Monitoring |
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| Aguilar, Irene (D)         | SD 32   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Balmes, David (R)          | SD 27   | 30                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Baumgardner, Randy (R)     | SD 8    | 40                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Bonphy, Greg (R)           | SD 1    | 30                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Coadman, Bill (R)          | SD 12   | 10                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Carroll, Morgan (D)        | SD 29   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Crowder, Larry (R)         | SD 35   | 20                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Giron, Angela (D)          | SD 3    | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Grantham, Kevin (R)        | SD 2    | 11                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Guzman, Lucia (D)          | SD 34   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
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| Hodge, Mary (D)            | SD 25   | 60                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
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| Kerr, Andy (D)             | SD 22   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
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| Lambert, Kent (R)          | SD 9    | 10                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Lundberg, Kevin (R)        | SD 15   | 11                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Marble, Vicki (D)          | SD 23   | 10                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Morse, John (D)            | SD 11   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Newell, Linda (D)          | SD 26   | 90                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Nicholson, Jeanne (D)      | SD 16   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Renfree, Scott (R)         | SD 13   | 10                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
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| Todd, Nancy (D)            | SD 28   | 90                              |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |
| Ulibarri, Jessie (D)       | SD 21   | 100                             |                                          |                                  |                                             |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |

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