

Wyoming Statewide Survey

Interview Schedule

October 9-13, 2018

N=600 Voters

N=360 lands, N=240 cells

Margin of Error $\pm 4.0\%$



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- *Sample A was asked of 1/2 of the respondents = 306 registered voters.*
 - *Sample B was asked of 1/2 of the respondents = 294 registered voters.*
 - *An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.*
 - *A carrot (^) denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.*
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X1. Compared to other issues like the economy, health care and education, how important are issues involving public lands, waters, and wildlife for you in deciding whether to support an elected public official? Are they... **(READ; DO NOT ROTATE)**

91% TOTAL IMPORTANT
9% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

55% Very important, they are a primary factor in deciding whether to support an elected public official

36% Somewhat important; they are one of several issues you consider

7% Not too important; they are not a significant factor in deciding whether to support an elected public official

2% Not at all important for you in deciding whether to support an elected official

* UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues some people have told me are problems in Wyoming while others may not be. After I read each one, please tell me if you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem in Wyoming. **(RANDOMIZE)**

RANKED BY 2018 % EXTREMELY/VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

	Total Problem	Extr/Very Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not a Problem	(DNR) DK/REF
13. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Quality of public education for kindergarten through twelfth grade students							
2/14	63%	30%	14%	16%	33%	34%	3%
10/18	80%	57%	22%	35%	23%	19%	1%
12. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) A lack of health insurance coverage							
2/04	81%	59%	29%	30%	22%	14%	6%
5/07	82%	53%	26%	27%	29%	13%	5%
2/14	63%	38%	19%	19%	25%	34%	3%
10/18	77%	49%	24%	25%	28%	19%	4%
15. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) A lack of good-paying jobs							
2/04*	84%	56%	26%	30%	28%	14%	2%
5/07	57%	31%^	13%	19%	26%	39%	3%
2/14	70%	28%^	8%	19%	42%	30%	*
10/18	82%^	43%^	13%	29%	39%	18%	—
5. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Availability of water for farming and ranching							
5/07	85%	57%^	24%	32%	29%	10%	4%
2/14	72%	34%^	13%	22%	37%	22%	7%
10/18	76%	42%	10%	32%	34%	20%	4%
1. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Loss of family farms and ranches							
2/04	73%	45%	18%	27%	28%	19%	8%
5/07	74%	47%	18%	29%	27%	18%	8%
2/14	76%	35%	13%	22%	41%	19%	5%
10/18	82%	41%	12%	29%	41%	15%	3%
3. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams							
2/04	60%	29%	11%	18%	31%	35%	4%
5/07	60%	20%	6%	14%	40%	34%	5%
2/14	62%	18%	5%	13%	44%	38%	1%
10/18	77%^	41%	14%	27%	35%	22%	1%

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	Total Problem	Extr/Very Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not a Problem	(DNR) DK/REF
7. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Decline in numbers of big game animals, such as moose and mule deer							
5/07	63%	32%	15%	17%	31%	33%	4%
2/14	66%	31%^	11%	19%	36%	27%	6%
10/18	75%^	41%^	12%	30%	34%	24%	1%
14. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Low level of water in rivers							
	78%	40%	11%	30%	38%	20%	2%
2. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife							
2/04	62%	36%	12%	24%	26%	36%	2%
5/07	63%	28%	13%	15%	35%	34%	3%
2/14	58%	24%^	8%	15%	34%	43%	—
10/18	73%	40%	13%	27%	33%	27%	1%
9. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Natural areas and ranchlands being split up by new housing and commercial development							
5/07	78%	44%	21%	23%	34%	20%	2%
2/14	66%	27%	11%	16%	39%	31%	2%
10/18	72%^	35%^	12%	24%	37%	27%	1%
11. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) The impact of oil and gas drilling on our land, air and water							
2/14	50%	22%^	8%	13%	29%	49%	1%
10/18	62%	32%^	13%	20%	29%	36%	3%
8. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Natural areas and ranchlands being split up by oil and gas development							
5/07	68%	31%^	13%	19%	36%	25%	7%
2/14	62%	24%	8%	16%	38%	37%	1%
10/18	65%	34%	14%	20%	31%	32%	3%
6. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Availability of water for wildlife and recreation							
5/07	74%	40%	15%	25%	34%	23%	3%
2/14	49%	16%	4%	12%	33%	50%	1%
10/18	60%	29%	9%	20%	31%	39%	1%
4. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Unplanned growth and development							
2/04	63%	32%	8%	24%	31%	30%	7%
5/07	67%	31%	11%	20%	36%	28%	5%
2/14	59%	17%	4%	13%	42%	38%	2%
10/18	65%	25%	7%	18%	40%	33%	2%

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	Total Problem	Extr/Very Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not a Problem	(DNR) DK/REF
10. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Loss of the rural character of Wyoming's communities							
5/07	63%	28%	10%	18%	35%	33%	4%
2/14	49%	16%	5%	11%	33%	49%	2%
10/18	59%^	23%	7%	16%	35%	38%	4%

* In February 2004, asked as "A lack of well-paying jobs"

16. And, in general would you favor or oppose setting aside more state money to protect land, air, water, wildlife habitat and ranchlands in Wyoming?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you STRONGLY (response) or just SOMEWHAT (response)?

<u>5/07</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>10/18</u>	
74%	65%	71%^	TOTAL FAVOR
22%	31%	24%	TOTAL OPPOSE
45%	34%	41%	STRONGLY FAVOR
29%	31%	31%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
13%	19%	12%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
9%	12%	12%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
4%	4%	5%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

17. More specifically, the State Legislature has the authority to dedicate money into the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, a fund which will earn interest to be used for conserving wildlife habitat, ranchlands and water. The Legislature has invested nearly one hundred five million dollars in the Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, but fully funding the Trust would mean allocating up to 200 million dollars.

Knowing this, would you support or oppose the State Legislature fully funding the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust to preserve wildlife habitat, ranchlands and water in the state?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you STRONGLY (response) or just SOMEWHAT (response)?

63%^ TOTAL SUPPORT

32% TOTAL OPPOSE

37% STRONGLY SUPPORT

27% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

14% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

18% STRONGLY OPPOSE

5% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

I am going to read you a list of projects that the State of Wyoming currently funds or might undertake in the future to improve the condition of land, air, water, and wildlife in the state. Recognizing that there frequently is not enough funding for all such projects, please tell me how important it would be to you that each project be funded: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important: **(RANDOMIZE)**

RANKED BY 2018 % EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	Extr/Very Important	Extr Important	Very Important	Smwt Important	Not Important	(DNR) DK/REF
18. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Protecting and restoring the water quality of rivers, lakes and streams							
2/04	92%	77%	40%	37%	15%	6%	2%
5/07	93%	70%	33%	37%	23%	6%	1%
2/14	94%	69%^	32%	36%	26%	5%	—
10/18	93%^	69%	31%	38%	25%	7%	—
19. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Protecting fish and wildlife habitat							
2/04	93%	66%	30%	36%	27%	8%	—
5/07	95%	66%	28%	38%	29%	4%	*
2/14	94%	65%^	21%	43%	30%	6%	—
10/18	95%	66%	29%	37%	29%	4%	1%
27. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Conserving land corridors which wildlife like deer and elk use for migration							
	94%	64%	28%	36%	30%	6%	—
20. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Protecting the greater Yellowstone region							
2/04	89%	73%	37%	36%	16%	10%	1%
5/07	92%	66%^	35%	32%	25%	7%	1%
2/14	89%	65%	29%	36%	24%	10%	*
10/18	89%	62%	33%	29%	27%	11%	*
21. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Preserving family farms and ranches							
2/04	92%	66%	27%	39%	26%	7%	2%
5/07	94%	67%	31%	35%	27%	6%	*
2/14	94%	66%	30%	36%	28%	6%	—
10/18	90%	59%	23%	36%	31%	10%	*
25. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Preserving our wide, open spaces and scenic vistas							
5/07	95%	73%	35%	38%	22%	5%	—
2/14	93%	64%^	23%	42%	28%	7%	*
10/18	94%	58%	19%	39%	36%	5%	1%

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24.	(SAMPLE A)(N=306) Preserving our western way of life							
5/07	91%	61%	27%	34%	30%	8%	1%	
2/14	93%	63%	29%	34%	30%	6%	*	
10/18	82%	51%	21%	30%	31%	17%	2%	
23.	(SAMPLE B)(N=294) Protecting the character of our small town communities							
5/07	92%	60%	23%	37%	32%	7%	*	
2/14	90%	59%	17%	42%	31%	10%	*	
10/18	83%	45%	15%	30%	38%	17%	1%	
22.	(SAMPLE A)(N=306) Preserving historic trails and ranches							
5/07	94%	60%	22%	38%	34%	6%	1%	
2/14	92%	51%^	15%	35%	42%	7%	*	
10/18	88%	43%	14%	29%	45%	12%	—	
26.	(SAMPLE A)(N=306) Helping to grow the outdoor recreation economy							
	87%	40%	15%	25%	47%	13%	—	

28. Some Members of Congress have proposed giving state governments authority over national public lands, such as national forests, or Bureau of Management Lands in its borders. The state government would decide the future management of the lands, but state taxpayers would pay the costs, including the cost of maintenance and preventing and fighting wildfires.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

42% TOTAL SUPPORT
54% TOTAL OPPOSE

21% STRONGLY SUPPORT
 21% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

15% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 39% STRONGLY OPPOSE

3% NOT SURE **(DO NOT READ)**
 1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Generally speaking, do you believe enhancing and protecting national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges has a positive impact, a negative impact, or no real impact on each of the following: **(RANDOMIZE)**

RANKED BY % POSITIVE IMPACT

	POSITIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	(DNR) DK/REF
37. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Opportunities for children to explore and learn about nature	86%	11%	1%	1%
30. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Wildlife	84%	8%	7%	1%
31. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Protecting clean water	80%	15%	5%	1%
36. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) The overall quality of life in Wyoming	80%	15%	3%	1%
29. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Tourism	77%	11%	9%	3%
34. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Protecting our culture and heritage	74%	21%	3%	1%
32. (SAMPLE A)(N=306) Opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation	73%	14%	11%	2%
33. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Protecting clean air	72%	22%	4%	1%
35. (SAMPLE B)(N=294) Jobs and the economy	65%	23%	10%	2%

Moving on, here is a list of specific items related to energy production in Wyoming. Please tell me if you would increase or decrease the production of that energy source, or would you keep it about the same. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF INCREASE/DECREASE:) And would you (increase/decrease) it a lot or a little?

RANKED BY % TOTAL INCREASE

		TOTAL INCREASE	TOTAL DECREASE	DECREASE A LOT	DECREASE A LITTLE	KEEP IT THE SAME	INCREASE A LITTLE	INCREASE A LOT	(DNR) DK/REF
38.	Solar	63%	14%	10%	4%	23%	19%	44%	1%
41.	Wind	54%	22%^	17%	6%	23%	17%	37%	1%
40.	Natural gas	54%	10%	4%	6%	36%	20%	34%	1%
39.	Coal	49%	22%	16%	6%	29%	15%	34%	*

Now, let's say that in the next ten years, more wind energy is produced here in Wyoming. Do you think that would have a positive impact, a negative impact, or no real impact on each of the following:
(RANDOMIZE)

RANKED BY % POSITIVE IMPACT

	POSITIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	(DNR) DK/REF
42. Jobs and the economy	66%	19%	13%	1%
44. Ability for farmers and ranchers to make ends meet	47%	33%	16%	4%
47. Air quality	44%	45%	8%	2%
48. The price you pay for electricity in the long-term	44%	32%	22%	3%
45. Wildlife	19%	31%	49%	2%
43. Scenic views	14%	22%	62%	2%
46. Access to private lands for outdoor recreation	13%	46%	37%	4%

49. Switching back to something we discussed earlier, would you support or oppose a small increase in local taxes in order to conserve water quality, wildlife habitat and ranchlands in your county or community?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you STRONGLY (response) or just SOMEWHAT (response)?

59% TOTAL SUPPORT

39%^ TOTAL OPPOSE

25% STRONGLY SUPPORT

34% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

28% STRONGLY OPPOSE

2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D1. To ensure we have a representative sample of voters in Wyoming, please tell me in what year you were born.

17% 18 - 34

25% 35 - 44

15% 45 - 54

24% 55 - 64

19% 65 AND ABOVE

* REFUSED

And for statistical purposes only --

D3. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

66% TOTAL HUNTER/ANGLER

12% HUNTER ONLY

12% ANGLER ONLY

42% BOTH

34% NO/NEITHER (**DO NOT READ**)

* UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D4. Which of the following types of outdoor recreation do you participate in regularly?
(RANDOMIZE) (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

89% TOTAL YES

60% Camping

58% Hiking

48% Bird watching and viewing wildlife

34% Riding an off-road vehicle or snowmobile

30% Boating

20% Mountain biking

8% Hunting/Fishing (**DO NOT READ**)

2% Sports (**DO NOT READ**)

* OTHER (SPECIFY _____) (**DO NOT READ**)

9% NONE OF THESE (**DO NOT READ**)

* UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D5. How would you describe the area where you currently live? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

11% A big city

10% A suburban area

44% A small town

34% A rural area

* DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (**DO NOT READ**)

* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D6. How dependent is your household income on the farming and ranching economy? Is it...

28% TOTAL DEPENDENT

12% Very dependent

16% Somewhat dependent

72% Not that dependent

* UNSURE / REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D7. No matter how you feel today, are you registered to vote as ... (**ROTATE**)

a Republican,

a Democrat,

Independent, or something else?

68% REPUBLICAN

19% DEMOCRAT

12% INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE

1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D8. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**) conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

52% CONSERVATIVE

29% MODERATE

15% LIBERAL

1% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

2% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D9. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

49% MALE

51% FEMALE
