Future Funding Mechanisms: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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Overview of study

- Literature review
- Economic and policy feasibility study
- Stakeholder and user group input
- Final report
Context

• Future Generations Act passed in 2018
• Taxpayer bill of rights (TABOR)
• Colorado Parks and Wildlife
• Outdoor recreation is BIG. and growing.
Potential funding ideas

- Sales tax
- Dedicated revenue from existing gear sales
- Excise tax on gear
- Vehicle registration and parks pass
- User or use fees
- Expanded habitat stamp or similar mechanism
- Tech-based donations
Tax-based mechanisms

- Sales tax
- Dedicated revenue from gear sales
- New excise tax on gear
Vehicle registration fee parks pass

- Mandatory (Connecticut)
- Opt-out (Montana)—87% participation
- Off set park generated revenue
User or use fee

Mountain bike registration fee  Non-motorized boat registration fee
Expanded habitat stamp

- Guided groups
- Voluntary: membership organizations
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