

SARVIS CREEK WILDERNESS COMPLETION ACT

Senator John Hickenlooper & Congressman Joe Neguse

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The *Sarvis Creek Wilderness Completion Act* would expand the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, located in the Routt National Forest near Steamboat Springs, by 6,817 acres to protect pristine sub-alpine wilderness and habitats of Colorado wildlife while providing public access to outdoor recreation.

Overview

- Fulfills the community's vision for the entire Sarvis Creek wilderness area by adding 6,817 acres on to the existing 44,556 acres, which had originally been excluded due to a then-proposed plan to develop a ski area.
- Extends wilderness protection to the Harrison and Green Creek watersheds—rare, pristine sub-alpine regions that feed into the Yampa River, safeguarding aquatic resources and preserving water quality.
- Protects winter range and spring calving areas for the 250-300 elk that inhabit the area in addition to habitats for other native Colorado fish and wildlife.
- Provides easy public access from Steamboat Springs and Stagecoach for low impact recreation—including hunting, fishing, back-country skiing and hiking.

Supporters Include:

Public Officials:

- Governor Jared Polis
- State Senator Dylan Roberts
- State Representative Megan Lukens

Conservation Organizations:

- The Wilderness Society
- Trappers Lake Sierra Club
- Audubon Rockies
- Conservation Colorado
- Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
- Rocky Mountain Wild
- Trout Unlimited
- Keep Routt Wild
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Tribal, State, and Local Governments & Organizations:

- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Routt County Board of Commissioners
- City of Steamboat Springs
- Town of Yampa
- Town of Hayden
- Town of Oak Creek
- Community Alliance of Yampa Valley
- Mount Werner Water

Recreation Advocates:

- Friends of Routt Backcountry
- Routt County Riders