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IPAMS: Results of Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership survey 'encouraging'

In spite of rhetoric, survey shows sportsmen support energy development in the Intermountain West

(Denver) The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States today lauded the findings from a recent Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) Survey, saying that it contained "excellent news for energy development in the Rocky Mountain West."

"The obstructionist environmental groups' constant assertions that sportsmen are opposed to energy development are not supported by their own data," said IPAMS Manager of Government Affairs Kathleen Sgamma. "In fact, this survey shows support for energy development among the sporting community and an overall satisfaction with the current pace of energy development in the Intermountain West."

According to the recently released survey:

- 54% of Rocky Mountain state respondents support increasing the amount of energy development on public lands.
- A mere 16% of sportsmen are dissatisfied with the current pace of energy development in the West.
- 71% do not think that energy development on public lands has negatively affected their personal hunting and fishing experiences in the past 5 years.
- A majority (52%) of sportsmen agree that America needs increased energy development in the Rocky Mountain West.
- Sportsmen are balanced in their approach to energy development, with 81% agreeing that public lands should be managed to balance fish and wildlife with energy development.

Despite the survey results showing strong support for the pace of energy development, the TRCP survey news release contained the following quotes, *which are not supported by their own data*:

- Steve Williams, President of the Wildlife Management Institute: *'The survey results clearly demonstrate hunters' and anglers' concern regarding the current pace and manner of energy development...'*

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- George Cooper, TRCP President and CEO: *"Sportsmen generally have no problem with developing energy resources on their public lands, but we are continually left asking why it has to happen so fast, without better planning to minimize fish and wildlife impacts. In essence, what we're saying is, 'Why not slow down and do it right?'"*

"We believe that these and other special interest groups are trying to get the results they want, regardless of the actual data, and are trying to drive a wedge between energy companies and sportsmen," Sgamma said.

"TRCP and other groups are pushing an agenda of opposing oil and natural gas development, in spite of the fact that sportsmen support the pace and conduct of energy development, and have not actually experienced a decrease in their hunting and fishing experience on public lands due to oil and natural gas development."

For more information, how energy companies are partnering with conservation and sporting organizations to protect and improve wildlife habitat in areas where energy development occurs, visit www.conservationinaction.us.

[Click here to view the full IPAMS summary of the TRCP survey.](http://www.ipams.org/wildcatter/uploads/IPAMSSum.doc)
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[Click here to view the full survey.](http://www.trcp.org/documents/TRCPEnergySurveyReport.pdf)

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