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Colorado Lottery Conservation Month Celebrates Open Space and Conservation Efforts Through Volunteer Events All Month

Pueblo, CO -- Gov. Jared Polis has proclaimed October 2022 Colorado Lottery Conservation Month to celebrate the organization's commitment to conservation and protection of Colorado's great outdoors and the spaces where Coloradans play. To help drive awareness about the importance of conserving, protecting and restoring the open spaces of Colorado, the Lottery has partnered with organizations throughout the month to promote conservation volunteer events.

One of the volunteer opportunities taking place in October is the Runyon to the Res Arkansas River cleanup in Pueblo on Oct. 8. The 3rd annual event is hosted by the Lottery, along with partners, [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#), the [City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation](#), and the [Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center](#) in Pueblo. Volunteers will help clean up debris from the banks of this important and popular river from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include lunch and special guests. Interested volunteers can learn more and [sign up to volunteer here](#).

On Oct. 15 and 16, the Lottery is sponsoring a trail construction project organized by [Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado](#) at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space in Fort Collins. Managed by the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources, this open space dominates the scenic backdrop in the foothills west of Fort Collins. The Lottery has a long history of support for Horsetooth Mountain, with over \$5.8 million in Lottery proceeds going toward land acquisition, habitat restoration, and recreation development in the surrounding area.

Volunteers will spend the weekend camping at Horsetooth Reservoir and working with approximately 80 others to break ground on a new, natural surface trail out of the Soderberg Trailhead. Interested volunteers can learn more and [sign up to volunteer here](#).

"Every October, the Lottery focuses on walking the walk as a conservation organization," said Colorado Lottery director Tom Seaver. "It's important to us to get out and get our hands

dirty, bringing manpower to important conservation and restoration events, along with funding.”

As of today, the Lottery has returned more than \$3.9 billion to parks, recreation, conservation projects and schools; and this fiscal year alone, the Lottery gave more than \$180.3 million to its partners.

About Colorado Lottery

Since 1983, the Colorado Lottery has returned more than \$3.9 billion to outdoor projects through Great Outdoors Colorado, the Conservation Trust Fund, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife Association and to schools through Building Excellent Schools Today. Proceeds from sales of Colorado Lottery games - Scratch, Powerball, Mega Millions, Colorado Lotto+, Lucky for Life, Cash 5, and Pick 3 - enhance, protect, improve parks, trails, and open space in Colorado. For more information, visit coloradolottery.com.

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