

CLIMATE CHANGE & SNOW SPORTS

Public lands central to the snowsports industry are being impacted by climate change. Decreasing snowpack and shorter winter seasons will decrease opportunities for snowsports and hurt the many communities that rely on the industry.

THE SNOWSPORT INDUSTRY ON PUBLIC LAND

122 ski resorts on Forest Service land support
65,000 jobs
 and contribute
\$3 billion
 to the economy each year.¹



AVALANCHES

Climate change is making snowsports less safe by **increasing avalanche risk.**²



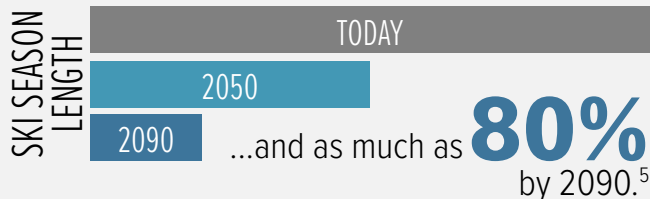
DECREASING SNOWPACK

Snowpack has decreased by **41%** since 1982.³



In 10 western National Parks, snowpack is at its **lowest level**⁴ in **800 years.**

In Colorado, ski resorts may see their **season length decrease 50%** by 2050...



There's still time to save **YOUR** public lands recreation

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