

Congratulations, JoAnn

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Congratulations to JoAnn Hackos, our representative on the Audubon Colorado Council, who has recently been elected as that organization's Vice President. The ACC, a coordinated effort of all the Colorado Audubon chapters, acts as an independent entity to accomplish National Audubon goals in Colorado, in collaboration with Audubon Rockies.



As Evergreen Audubon's Conservation Chair, JoAnn keeps our board, staff and membership up-to-date on important conservation issues. She regularly brings issues to the board for our discussion and drafts letters for the issues we decide to endorse. For example, she has been tracking efforts to educate hunters and eventually eliminate lead ammunition in Colorado. Through her, we now have an anti-lead ammunition brochure, produced by Denver Audubon and Nature's Educators, with funding from the ACC and National Audubon, available as a PDF on our website. You can read and download the brochure here:

www.evergreenaudubon.org/nature-conservation/conservation/

JoAnn often testifies about important issues on behalf of ACC and other conservation organizations. In October, she testified on behalf Conservation Colorado at hearing of the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, citing the interrelated effects of catastrophic wildfires, climate change, oil and gas drilling, and our reliance on fossil fuels on Colorado's air quality. She concluded her remarks saying, "Conservation Colorado recommends strongly that the AQCC work with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), the State Land Board (SLB), and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), to reduce the leasing of Colorado land for even more oil and gas development. If we are to protect our citizens and our environment, we must work hard to meet Colorado's carbon pollution reduction targets. Colorado's Climate Action Plan sets science-based, economy-wide targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions at least 26 percent by 2025, 50 percent by 2030, and 90 percent by 2050 (as compared to 2005 emissions levels)."

When she's not researching or testifying or attending her various board and committee meetings (virtually, we hope), JoAnn is reading and writing for fun. Everyone is familiar with the dozens of book reviews JoAnn has written for the Dipper and e-Dipper over the years. (If you've missed them or want to revisit any of them,

you can find them here: <https://evergreenaudubon.org/news-articles/book-review-archive/>) but did you know that JoAnn also coordinates a monthly book discussion group with Evergreen Audubon members?

If you would like more information about the conservation issues that JoAnn is working on, or would like to be on her Conservation Action Alert e-mail list, or would like to participate in the nature and conservation oriented book group she coordinates, send her an e-mail at conservation@EvergreenAudubon.org.

Thank you, JoAnn, for all you do!