

## Montelores Coalition – Advisory Board Session #4

### *Balancing Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Conservation of Natural Resources to Serve the Unique Needs of Colorado's Southwest Corner.*

Tres Rios Field Office and [ZOOM](#)

**February 20 , 2024      1 Hour**

#### **Minutes**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Guest Presenter – Heather Houk, Agriculture Program Coordinator, Pueblo Community College Southwest – Workforce Development - Workforce Resiliency Grant from CCCS**  
<https://cccs.edu/industry/workforce-resilience-program/> - Heather presented programs that PCCSW has available, including the Fire Science and Fire Academy programs with simulator, welding, drone operations, botany, GIS and other trades related to Natural Resources Management. She explained that many of the programs are free tuition and college credit can be gained. The board discussed needs for seasonal positions or individual placements in the future. It is too late to hire for the upcoming spring/summer season but by next season there could potentially be a workforce pipeline program. Other organizations that could benefit from a workforce program include local conservation districts, not-for-profit entities and local governments. The board discussed whether this falls into the Montelores Coalition’s mission. They also discussed collaboration with the SW Education Collaborative. Further discussion will be needed to determine how to best support a local workforce in the outdoors.
3. **Stakeholder Meeting Update**
  - a. **# registered** – 40. Additional outreach to Osprey, Alpacka Raft, Deer Hill Expeditions has occurred. The room capacity is 50.
  - b. Michelle presented a Coalition introduction to the Dolores BOCC this morning. Questions were asked about future funding and what the ask of the county will be.
  - c. **Registration Table Volunteers** – board members will arrive 15 minutes early and assist with registration.
4. **Draft Charter and Board Officer Positions** – draft charter in the packet proposes the development of a Coalition Roundtable, a ~29 member roundtable with representation from different user groups and the Advisory Board (Executive Committee). The Advisory Board will review the draft charter and make comments for discussion at the next meeting.
5. **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- a. **March 5 – James Dietrich will present an overview of Montezuma County OREC**
- b. **March 19 – cancelled**
- c. **April 2 – Review Draft Charter**

**Next Meeting: March 5th 2-3PM at Dolores Public Lands office**