

Montelores Coalition – Advisory Board

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](#)

March 5, 2024 1 Hour

Minutes

1. **James Dietrich** – gave an overview of the Montezuma County OREC Roadmap which includes 1 full year of intercept surveys, roughly a dozen projects that have been ranked in priority, and a marketing plan. The five priorities that rose to the top are:
 - Recreation retail
 - Greater access to McPhee for SUPs and non-motorized users
 - Shorter, more accessible trails to heritage sites
 - Marketing outdoor recreation
 - Mapping of recreational sites (including signage, wayfinding)

The plan should be complete by mid-May.

2. **Stakeholder Meeting Debrief** – Meeting had approximately 45 attendees in person and another 16 online. The total number of stakeholders who received an invite was 117. A 52% attendance rate is a success. Now how do we keep stakeholders engaged? Feedback survey responses were reviewed and discussed.

3. **Next Steps – Additional Funding, Community Listening Sessions, Draft Charter, Coalition Roundtable**

- a. **Capacity Grant Funding Application Open** – Michelle would like to apply for funding for a facilitator who can both facilitate community listening sessions and collect and present the data in a comprehensive report. Three local facilitators were identified, and Michelle will seek quotes from all three. The Letter of Intent to Apply is due on April 5th and the final grant application is due on April 30th.

- b. **Draft Charter Discussion**

- i. [Link to Draft Charter](#)
- ii. Michelle gave a brief overview of what the charter is and why it is important. Having a governing document in place that identifies roles, conduct and process is critical prior to getting too far down the line with community engagement. This charter will cover:
 1. Advisory Board

2. Coalition Roundtable
 3. Meeting Protocols
 4. Process for Hearing and Advising on local topics brought forth by coalition members
- iii. Coalition Roundtable – this is a proposed group of roughly 29 people that represent all user groups, and the advisory board (or executive committee). Roundtable appointees would need to submit an application and would be appointed by the advisory board for a term. The roundtable could meet monthly or quarterly, depending on what these choose, and coalition members could propose topics for the roundtable to take up at their meetings. The outcome would be advising local land and natural resource managers of the region’s priorities. - Advisory board members are asked to review the draft charter in Google docs and comment. The next meeting in April will be used as a work session to finalize the charter.

c. Social Media Pages are UP!

- i. www.linkedin.com/in/montelores-coalition-0a51802b2
- ii. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556757368738>
- iii. <https://www.instagram.com/montelorescoalition/?hl=en>

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- a. **March 19 – Cancelled**
- b. **April 2 – Focus on Draft Charter**

Next Meeting: April 2nd 2-3PM at Dolores Public Lands office