

Montelores Coalition – Advisory Board

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

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May 14, 2024 1 Hour

Minutes

Board Members Present: Tom Rice, Joe Manning, Adrian Archuleta, Kalin Grigg, Steve Garchar, Paul Morey

Staff: Michelle Furi

- 1. Michelle announced that the coalition has contracted Ashley Coady Smith, of Sage Advice Telluride LLC., to provide marketing and event coordination services. If the coalition receives the next round of grant funding her role will expand to assist the board and coordinator with creating a long-term development strategy. Ashley was not available to be in today’s meeting but will be formally introduced to the board in a future meeting.**
- 2. The board discussed increasing engagement with the Ute Mountain Ute tribe. Tom and Michelle met with Jessica Thurman, who is with tribal economic development, and she is eager to participate with the coalition. They discussed giving a presentation to tribal council. Tom and Michelle will meet to develop that presentation in collaboration with Jessica. Michelle will send out the UMUT CEDS and capital project plans that Bernadette Cuthair shared.**
- 3. Charter Review – the board and coordinator finalized any revisions to be made to the charter. Michelle will clean up the last portion of the document and have it ready for adoption at the next board meeting.**
- 4. Upcoming Coalition Events June-Aug.**
 - a. Montezuma County OREC Final Presentation – Ashley is working James Dietrich and Gabe Preston to lock down a date, time and venue for this presentation. There will be time at this meeting for Montelores Coalition to give a stakeholder update.**

- b. **Colorado Natural Heritage Program Tools Presentation** – Dave Anderson, Director and Chief Scientist at CNHP is willing to come down, in partnership with CPW, and present on tools available to help land managers and conservation organizations with project planning. Date and time is TBD. Details will be developed when Jamin returns.
<https://www.rmpbs.org/blogs/rocky-mountain-pbs/colorado-biodiversity-survey/>
- c. **Keystone Policy Group: Colorado Outdoor Strategy Presentation** is confirmed for June 26th. Ashley will coordinate a venue for this event and it will be marketed to our stakeholders and open to the public.

General Announcements from the Regional Partnership Initiative:

- The Quarterly Regional Partnerships Newsletter has launched! Submit an announcement to be featured in the July newsletter [here](#).
- The COTREX App added a new wildfire alert feature! See the [press release](#) and [media kit](#).
- [RSVP](#) for the Connecting Colorado event by May 15th. This event will be hosted in Salida from September 23rd to the 24th.
- The Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) launches a [statewide biodiversity study](#). Dave Anderson with CNHP will be presenting to RPI Leads on Tuesday.
- The [Rural Technical Assistance Program](#) (RTAP) is designed to help rural communities create economic development strategies. Please share this opportunity with communities in your region. [Matt Nunez](#) can answer any questions.
- [Colorado Open Space Alliance](#) Conference is September 29 - October 2nd. Registration will open in early summer.
- [Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit](#) (COILS) is October 2nd-4th in Durango, CO. [Session proposals will be accepted until Friday, June 21, 2024.](#)

Regional Partnerships Resources:

- [2023 Regional Partnerships Initiative Annual Report](#)
- [Regional Partnerships Map](#)
- [Colorado Recreation Access Map](#) - Trust for Public Lands
- Care for Colorado - [Communication and Messaging](#)
- [CPW RPI StoryMap](#)
- [CU MENV RPI Recommendations Story Map](#)
- [Colorado's Outdoors Strategy](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [Outdoor Equity Grant Program](#) - Applications due June 4th.
- [Destination BluePrint Program](#) - Applications due June 20th.
- [National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program](#) - Applications due June 21st.
- [Tribal Wildlife Grants](#) - Applications due June 21st.

- [National Forest Community Recreation Fund](#) - Applications due June 30th.
- [Roundup Riders of the Rockies](#) - Applications are due on a rolling basis.
- Great Outdoors Colorado [Grant Calendar 2024-2025](#).
- Colorado Watershed Assembly [Grant Opportunities List](#)