



Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee

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

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Minutes

1. Coalition Updates

a. RPI Consulting – Scope and Timeline

- i. **Develop Key Interviewee List – 1-20 people** – Michelle started a list of key persons and added it to the shared Google Drive folder for RPI Consulting’s Project. Gabe would like to get started on these and hopefully have a few completed before the next Roundtable meeting. Michelle asked the board to add to the list.

b. Developing an Action Plan with the Roundtable

- i. **Review RPI’s suggested meeting schedule** – Gabe gave an overview of meeting topics and dates to the Executive Committee. He asked for feedback on the first meeting topic. Executive Committee feedback was to:
 - Distill down recreation impacts across Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel counties – How do we get to Actionable Items?
 - Have draft goals and objectives on a slide to present to the Roundtable.
 - Front load the Roundtable with ideas and objectives.
 - Commissioner Garchar expressed some red flags he sees. He does not want to lose multi-use on public lands. He is concerned that there will be too much emphasis on conservation and wildlife protection and not enough on recreation assets.

ii. **Discuss NoCo Places' approach to a "Vision" = our "Strategy" [LINK](#)**

Michelle shared the link to NOCO Places' final draft of their regional shared vision. Their launch of the vision includes the process of how they reached this consensus between 8 counties, Rocky Mountain National Park, and numerous land management agencies. Their collaborative meetings have been happening since 2018, preceding the Regional Partnership Initiative. Elements of their vision include:

- A mission statement
- Desired future conditions
- Forward thinking shared management principles
- Core topic research and data gathering
- A conservation summary map
- MOU's between agencies
- Action Plans defined as "near term" (1-2 years) and "mid-term" (3-5 years)

NOCO Places will be presenting to RPI Leads in the RPI Leads meeting next week. Michelle hopes to learn more about how they achieved the level of collaboration they did with so many entities.

- c. **Coalition Fund Development & Capacity Building** – Michelle spoke about the near- and long-term needs of the Coalition for both capacity and fund resources. The three bullets below sum up those needs. The workload continues to grow, and additional staff is needed. Michelle will begin to work on the second grant deliverable of developing an internal funding strategy with a consultant. The Executive Committee will ultimately be involved in creating and overseeing that plan.

- i. **Executive Director**
- ii. **Program Director**
- iii. **Sustainability Fund**

2. Upcoming Events

- a. **10/2-10/4 – [Colorado Outdoor Industry Leaders Summit \(COILS\)](#) – Durango** – Michelle will be attending.
- b. **10/9 -PCC Forestry Workforce Industry Open House – Mancos Campus** – Michelle will be meeting with Laurel Smerch, the new Natural Resources Coordinator at the college, next week to talk about partnering to support workforce development.

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