



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

Prior to the first agenda item, Michelle asked the land managers to talk about the financial struggles they are experiencing with budget cuts and hiring freezes. USFS no longer has capacity to run individual placement programs but does have some funds for motorized recreation. BLM was not available to comment. National Park Service (MVNP) is not as affected by federal cuts. They have established pathways for a seasonal workforce. Montezuma County is also experiencing financial limitations. Dolores County was not available to comment.

- a. RPI Consulting – Scope and Timeline** – Michelle discussed re-scoping RPI Consulting’s contract with the Executive Committee (EC). Gabe feels he would be better fit to spend more time with the Roundtable building a regional strategy than running community listening sessions. Michelle asked the EC if they would be able to help facilitate community meetings if Gabe was re-routed to a larger focus on Roundtable meetings. The discussion also led to pairing community meetings with already existing events to try to garner greater participation. The Futures Fair is one in Cortez that the Montelores Coalition will already be at, in partnership with PCC. The EC can suggest other events, Rico, Dove Creek, UMUT, Dolores and Mancos that we might pair with for maximum participation.

- i. **Develop [Key Interviewee List](#) – 1-20 people** – The EC helped fill in a list of interviewees. They asked to see the interview questions. Michelle will request those from Gabe. Michelle will reach out to Commissioner Garchar to seek more participation from Dolores County. Beth asked to receive the community survey so she can distribute it to tribal members.
- b. Coalition Fund Development & Capacity Building**
 - i. **Fund Development SWOT analysis-** Michelle spoke about the beginning work with Sage Advice LLC to develop an internal Fund Development plan. The SWOT analysis was in the packet for the EC to see. The consultant will do a similar SWOT with the whole board to get a more holistic view in an upcoming meeting. The next RPI Leads meeting will focus on how Chaffee County was able to pass a ballot measure to help fund stewardship in recreation.

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