



**Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee**

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

**Dolores Public Lands Office  
29211 CO-184, Dolores, CO 81323 or on [ZOOM](#)  
June 24, 2025, 1-2:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees: Jamin Grigg, Kalin Grigg, Lanea Donahoo, Joe Manning, Tom Rice, Helen West, Skip Zeller, James Dietrich, Brian Bartlett, Cara Gildar**

**Meeting began at 1:03 PM.**

- 1. Skip Zeller, new Executive Committee member representing Rico- introductions**
- 2. Vanessa Malloy presentation from our fiscal agent, *Onward! A Legacy Foundation***
  - a. Montelores Coalition is in good standing with *Onward***
  - b. There is a possibility of negotiating lower overhead costs than 5% if we are just using *Onward* as a passthrough.**
  - c. There’s no monetary or organizational size limit for *Onward* programs.**
  - d. When possible, write in >10% overhead costs into grant proposals.**
- 3. VOTED on hiring an Executive Support Assistant contractor**
  - a. Vote passed unanimously to hire an Executive Support Assistant contractor using the remaining funds previously allocated for Michelle’s position (\$17,316).**
  - b. Advertise job publicly**
  - c. Do not specify a rate, negotiate it.**
- 4. Confirmed June 23 due date for comments on Drafts and August 5 date for Roundtable lunch and Draft review meeting**
- 5. Discussed projects and budget for RPI grant proposal**
  - a. No vote yet, still in discussion**
  - b. Tentative plan to move forward with a 2-year grant proposal**
    - i. Fully funds Executive Director, Executive Support Assistant, and operations for the Coalition (approximately \$223,000)**

- ii. Includes approximately \$17, 000 for additional work from Facilitator and Development contractors
- iii. Includes approximately \$110,000 for Early Wins projects
  - 1. 15-20% of funds go towards public outreach projects including the art contest and pamphlet/signage design, storytelling event, and community meals and/or events.
  - 2. 80-85% of funds go toward direct project implementation focused on conservation projects across the Montelores landscape on all land ownerships. Some projects will include volunteer day components. Projects will primarily focus on noxious weed treatment and removal of derelict fencing. There may also be trail maintenance and other components.
    - a. Cara will research SCC crews.
    - b. Tom will check with the USFS Range program to see whether they can run a crew for part of the season.
    - c. BLM has the capacity to use an SCC crew for 1-2 hitches worth of work.

**6. Discussed Roundtable participation and composition**

- a. It is not appropriate to add new members currently.
- b. There is a public process available for commenting on our Plan and other actions of the Coalition.
- c. Take stock of which Roundtable members have lapsed and consider adding new members after Draft Plan review.
  - i. Teresa DiTore-Southwest Conservation Corps cannot be a member because it would be a conflict of interest
- d. It is not necessary for membership to be reciprocal-just because the Montelores Coalition is a member of an organization's stakeholder group does not mean that organization needs a seat on our Roundtable.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.**