



## Public Comment Period Reminder

There's still time to share your thoughts on the **Draft Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan**. The public comment period remains open through **11:59 PM MT on December 31, 2025**. Community feedback plays a critical role in shaping a plan that reflects local values, priorities, and on-the-ground realities across Montezuma and Dolores Counties. We encourage everyone to review the draft plan and submit comments before the deadline. You can find the full plan, action planning matrix, and the comment site [here](#).

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## Grant Award Announcement!

We're excited to share that the **Montelores Coalition has been awarded a \$300,000 grant through a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Great Outdoors Colorado**. This funding supports collaborative outdoor recreation and conservation planning efforts across Colorado and recognizes the importance of locally driven, regionally coordinated solutions. These funds will help us finalize our Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan and allow us to move forward with important projects such as Strike Teams for derelict fencing, noxious weed treatment, recreation site maintenance and so much more! We're grateful for this investment and what it makes possible for our region moving forward.

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## Roundtable Applications Now Open

Applications are now open to join the Montelores Coalition Roundtable. The Roundtable brings together a diverse group of community members, organizations, land managers, and stakeholders to provide input, share perspectives, and help guide implementation of the Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan. **If you're interested in contributing your voice and experience, we encourage you to apply before our annual meeting in March**. You can find more information and the application online [below](#):

Apply Today!

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## Opportunities Ahead: Strike Teams

As we move from planning into action, we're beginning early coordination for our first on-the-ground project, **Strike Teams focused on derelict fencing removal, noxious weed treatment and recreation site maintenance**. In the coming months, we'll be looking for volunteer support and identifying locations where these efforts can be most impactful. More details will be shared in the new year. If you're interested in learning more or have questions about this project, please reach out to us by [email](#). **We'd love to hear from you and connect!**

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## Season's Greetings

As the year comes to a close, we hope everyone had a safe holiday season and is looking ahead to the new year with optimism. Thank you for your continued engagement, feedback, and support. We look forward to working together in 2026.

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