



Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee

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

Colorado Welcome Center
928 E. Main St, Cortez, CO 81321 or on [ZOOM](#)
November 18, 2025, 8:30-10:00 AM
Minutes

Attendees: Cara Gildar, Kelsey Girod, Jamin Grigg, Kalin Grigg, Joe Manning, James Dietrich, Skip Zeller, Tom Rice, Lanea Donahoo, Helen West (via zoom),

8: 31 AM - Meeting called to order

1. Public Comment Period
 - a. No members present

2. Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan Updates
 - a. Plan and comment buttons live on website
 - i. Staff guided members through the website.
 - b. Public meeting schedule and attendance
 - i. Recapped the Dove Creek public meeting for members who were unable to attend.
 - ii. Collected attendance commitments from EC members for upcoming public meetings.

3. Grant Update
 - a. September 29 grant presentation and Q&A
 - i. Recapped the September 29 grant presentation and Q&A.
 - b. CPW recommendations
 - i. Noted CPW recommendations; final decisions and grant awards are expected in December.
 - c. GOCO Committee Review
 - i. Action item: Identify additional funding opportunities for projects not covered by the GOCO grant.
 - ii. Discussed beginning Strike Team planning earlier to coordinate volunteer services.
 - iii. Aim to begin planning at the January meeting; Theresa will be invited.
 - iv. EC members will brainstorm during the holidays regarding potential project roles and organizational involvement.
 - v. Members will bring project prioritization proposals and estimated per-person costs (if available) to the January meeting.

4. Mobile Data Collection site suggestions
 - a. Reviewed the State of Colorado request for proposed cell-data study sites to support recreation use and travel pattern analysis.
 - b. Jamin provided a summary of the statewide pilot project.
 - c. Executive Committee will submit suggested sites to RPI for consideration.
 - d. Potential sites identified: Phil's World and Rico Recreation Area (Tom, Joe and Jamin to draft proposal).

5. Key Meetings Updates
 - a. Tribal Engagement & Training
 - i. SCCORR, PARC, and the Montelores Coalition met with the Southern Ute Tribe in Ignacio.
 - ii. Ute Mountain Ute meeting was canceled; rescheduling will be attempted.
 - b. Montezuma Land Conservancy update shared
 - c. Mancos Trails Group update shared

6. Roundtable Needs and Actions
 - a. January 27, 2026 Roundtable Review of Public Comment
 - i. Invite will be sent out when times have been finalized
 - b. March 2026 Annual Meeting
 - c. Submission of public questions to Roundtable
 - i. The public question submission process will be finalized after the March annual meeting.

7. Communications updates-Kelsey
 - a. Members were reminded to review their information on the website

8. Executive Committee
 - a. Review Charter revision suggestions
 - i. Discussion moved to December meeting
 - b. Decision matrix for approving Letters of Support
 - i. Discussion moved to December meeting
 - c. Networking session at December meeting?
 - i. Decision was made to extend the December meeting by 30 minutes to allow for personal/professional networking amount Executive Committee members
 - d. Discussed the need for a succession plan for representation changes following county, city, or organizational leadership transitions.

9. Quarterly Financial Review
 - a. Financial statements were reviewed and approved

10. Community Updates and Event Participation
 - a. Rico Board meeting (November 19, 7PM)
 - i. Cara, Skip, Kalin and Tom will present on behalf of the Coalition.
 - b. Futures Fair (December 3, 8 AM-12PM)
 - i. Kelsey, Cara and Brian attending.
 - c. Holiday Open House (Dec 11 3:30-5:30 PM) **NEW DATE!**
 - i. Invite coming soon

10:02- Meeting adjourned

Future Business: Organizational Strategic Plan; Review Charter revision suggestions; Decision matrix for approving Letters of Support