



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](#)
December 16, 2025, 8:30-10:30 AM

Agenda

Attendance: Eric Stiasny, Joe Manning, Tom Rice, James Dietrich, Jamin Grigg, Kalin Grigg, Skip Zeller, Helen West, Brian Bartlett, Cara Gildar

Meeting Started: 8:31 AM

1. Public Comment Period
 - a. no members of the public were present
2. Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan Updates
 - a. Public meeting debrief
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Emerging need to add content about tribal engagement and priorities to the Draft and share with Tribes for comment-Cara will take the lead
3. Grants
 - a. GOCO/CPW
 - i. Montelores Coalition was awarded \$300K for 2026-2028
 - ii. Revised budget
 1. MOTION: To approve the revised budget for the GOCO/CPW 2026-2028 grant based on the \$300K awarded out of the \$350K requested. Motion seconded.
 2. Motion Passes
 - iii. ACTION ITEM: Conservation Strike Team working group convened (Tom, Joe, Skip, James, Cara) to make a process for prioritizing project proposals and prepare for Jan 20 meeting with Teresa DiTore from SWCC.
 - b. Discussion on applying for grants from municipalities (Rico, Dolores)
4. Key Meetings and Partners Updates
 - a. Rico Town Board meeting
 - b. CNHP Statewide Survey meeting
 - c. Osprey and Sunflower Theatre meeting
 - d. DWC Unauthorized Routes Working Group is preparing draft recommendations to USFS for route decommissioning on Dolores District
 - e. SWRPI collaboration (Montelores Coalition, SCCORR, PARC)
 - i. Wright proposal jointly submitted to CMU for student project about Brunot Area and stewardship education messaging
 - ii. Future coordinated communications with Tribes regarding Brunot Area are planned



- iii. Coordination on unified stewardship education language is planned
 - f. Cara's attendance at Outside Days in 2026-Executive Committed did not recommend
5. Roundtable Needs and Actions
- a. January 27, 2026 Roundtable Review of Public Comment is scheduled
 - i. ACTION ITEM: RSVP
 - b. March 2026 Annual Meeting
 - i. ACTION ITEM: Working group (Brian, Kalin, Cara) convened to help plan the meeting and create a structure for dismissing inactive members and voting on new members
 - ii. ACTION ITEM: Respond to availability poll
6. Executive Committee
- a. Began review of Charter revision suggestions-document available for comment, will continue discussion next meeting
 - b. Decision matrix for approving Letters of Support-deferred discussion to next meeting
 - c. Succession plan following county, city, or organizational leadership transitions-deferred discussion to next meeting
 - d. Executive Committee decided it is not necessary to invite CDOT to the Executive Committee, just to continue communication with the agency when needed
7. Executive Session-personnel was discussed

Meeting adjourned: 10:29 AM

Future Business: Field Season discussion with Teresa DiTore, continue charter review, LOS decision matrix, succession planning, Executive Director performance review, Executive Committee terms and renewal