



**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](#)**  
**February 17, 2026, 8:30-10:00 AM**  
**Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order 8:35 AM
  - a. Attendees Brian Bartlett, Kelsey Girod, James Dietrich, Helen West, Cara Gildar (zoom), Skip Zeller (zoom), Kalin Grigg (zoom), Jamin Grigg (zoom), Joe Manning (zoom)
2. Public Comment Period 8:35 AM
  - a. No members of the public present
3. Presentations - 8:37 AM
  - a. Bryan Eisenbraun, Metallic Minerals
    - i. Bryan presented the proposed project
    - ii. A brief question and answer period was conducted
    - iii. Cara will share Bryan’s contact information to the Executive Committee for direct outreach
4. Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan Updates - 9:13 AM
  - a. Revised draft available
    - i. Members should have received the updated draft from Gabe forwarded by Cara
    - ii. Cara asks that the Executive Committee members review the new draft and leave any comments/suggestions
5. Grants - 9:15 AM
  - a. GOCO/CPW-compliance documents
    - i. Cara is working through an issue with the grant that is delaying the availability of the funds and will continue to update the committee
6. Roundtable Needs and Actions - 9:22 AM
  - a. Proposed charter revision
    - i. There has been a working group meeting regularly to discuss how we can better utilize our roundtable.
    - ii. Cara reviewed all of the comments/changes with the Executive Committee
    - iii. Cara will make the edits and send the final document out for a final vote.
  - b. Frequency and timing for future Roundtable meetings
    - i. The working group proposed bi-monthly with after-work hours meetings to accommodate everyone’s working schedule.
    - ii. The meeting frequency will be updated in the charter for vote
  - c. March 2026 Annual Meeting-date and time change



- i. Cara is going to send out a new poll to see when people are available in March for the annual meeting with the new after-hours.

**7. Executive Committee - 9:16 AM**

- a. Revise and approve Strike Team project ranking matrix
  - i. Cara asks that the committee reviews the draft project ranking matrix that was sent via email and leave any and all comments on the document
- b. State Land Board questionnaire due February 27
  - i. Cara reminds us that the deadline has been extended to March 25, 2026. There have not been many comments, so Cara asks that everyone takes a look and sends feedback.
- c. Colorado 150 Years events?
  - i. Kelsey will attend a meeting on Thursday about the US 250/Colorado 150/etc. Events that will be happening this year.
  - ii. Kelsey and Brian will send an update following the meeting.
- d. Attendance at RPI Summit April 26-27, 2026
  - i. Cara will be attending. Helen is going to join Cara. We do have the opportunity for a couple of other MC members to join the meeting.
  - ii. If you would like to join, please reach out to Cara ASAP
- e. Key Meetings and Partners Updates
  - i. CPW Indigenous Listening Session
    - 1. Cara attended a meeting to see what their priorities are. It was a great meeting where she was able to make a handful of great contacts.
  - ii. SCCORR Proposal Ranking meeting
    - 1. Cara & Skip attended and mentioned that it was a great learning experience for the future of the coalition.
  - iii. May 16 Public Lands Day event with SJMA
    - 1. Somewhere up above Mancos. SJMA is doing the bulk of planning and just asking the coalition to participate and spread the word through Montelores and Dolores.
    - 2. We have the opportunity to co-host with Dolores Watershed Collaborative.

**8. Communications updates-Kelsey**

- a. Nothing to report

Meeting Adjourned: 9:56 AM

Future Business: Charter revision, Executive Director Performance Review, Letters of Support decision matrix, succession planning for County Commissioners, Executive Committee terms and renewal