



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](#)
March 17, 2026, 8:30-10:00 AM
Agenda

Present: Cara Gildar, Kalin Grigg , Skip Zeller(Zoom),
Jamin Grigg, Brian Bartlett, Helen West (Zoom)

8: 32 AM - Meeting called to order

1. Public Comment Period
 - a. No one is from the public is present
2. Financials
 - a. Cara presented a financial update to the Executive Committee showing our grants from CPW and LOR.
3. Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan Updates
 - a. Revised draft available-any comments?
 - i. Gabe sent out the revised version of the plan and there are no further questions or feedback from the Executive Committee.
 - b. Tribal draft status
 - i. Comments from UMUT Executive Director are pending. Cara will reach out to SUIT contact for comments. Tribal input may not follow the same timeline as finalizing the rest of the plan. Montelores Coalition will still be able to move forward with implementation, while leaving the door open for tribal input at any time.
4. Grants
 - a. Awarded LOR grant for Ranching and Public Lands Art and Brochure
 - i. Announced that we received a LOR grant for the Ranching and Public Lands Art & Brochure which was not covered in the CPW grant
 - b. Potential application for NFF Collaborative Capacity Grant
5. Roundtable Needs and Actions
 - a. April 15 Annual Meeting agenda
 - i. 5:30 PM and the location is still being worked out and will operate as a meet and greet, welcome new members, and say goodbye to those who are

- transitioning off
- b. May 20 Regular Roundtable
 - i. Goal is ranking the strike team proposals
- c. Decision making training
 - i. Cara and Kalin will lead this training at the Annual Meeting
- d. State Land Board questionnaire due March 18
 - i. The EC is in favor of the parcels that were put forth.
- e. Vote on accepting new Roundtable applicants
 - i. Not enough Executive Committee members present for quorum so Cara will send out the applications for electronic vote
 - ii. implement sign-in sheets for roundtable meetings moving forward for attendance accountability.
- 6. Executive Committee
 - a. Review Draft Strike Team RFP
 - i. Review and make any comments/questions on the document by the end of the week (March 20).
 - b. Review Roundtable survey
 - i. Cara walked the Executive Committee through the proposed Roundtable Survey for the onboarding of new members at the meeting
 - ii. The roundtable survey is approved
 - c. SW Water Conservation District Meeting March 27
 - i. Joe will provide a summary
 - d. Cortez Outdoor Expo table April 17-19
 - i. Some EC members may be able to attend and man a booth for the coalition at the event. Members will check schedules and get back to Cara.
 - ii. Cara will also put it out to our Roundtable members
 - e. Mobile Data collection sites
 - i. Phil's World and Mancos State Park were selected
 - f. Executive Director Performance Review
 - i. Tom is taking the lead, will occur soon
 - g. Metallic Minerals debrief
 - i. The group agreed that it is appropriate and useful to have presentations of this nature at Executive Committee meetings.
 - ii. It was decided that the Montelores Coalition would post the Metallic Minerals information with careful language that we are not endorsing anything, but just sharing information that could impact the area.
 - iii. Montelores Coalition will create a social media policy. Kelsey will work on this specifically related to the sharing of outside organization meetings or information.
 - h. Charter Revision
 - i. The Executive Committee had a conversation about the difference between abstaining and recusals from votes and how the members will identify themselves moving forward if necessary. Language will be added to the

- Charter.
- ii. Do we need a set process for what happens when an electronic vote is not passed due to the nature of us not having a good way for the conversation to continue and have discussion with monthly meetings and some members never being able to attend?
 - iii. The rest of the charter revision will have to be tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.
 - iv. Cara asks for the members to review again and make any notes/comments for final feedback.
- i. Colorado 150/Events/History/Etc.
 - i. We will not hold a specific event, but will highlight other events on social media as appropriate.

Meeting Adjourned - 10:03 AM

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