



## Thank You for Showing Up: Public Meeting and Comment Recap

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Montelores Coalition's public meetings and online comment period for the [Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan](#). Community participation was strong, thoughtful, and wide-ranging, and we are grateful for the time, insight, and lived experience that people shared.

### Here are a few highlights from this phase of engagement:

- Public meetings held: 5
- Total meeting attendees: 50+
- Online public comments received: 134

The feedback we received reflected a diversity of perspectives across recreation types, conservation priorities, working lands, access needs, and economic considerations. That input is now actively guiding revisions to the draft plan as our Executive Committee and Roundtable work through themes, questions, and opportunities raised by the community.

This is a critical step in ensuring the plan reflects local values and real-world conditions across Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Be on the lookout for continued updates from us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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## Roundtable Applications: Help Shape What Comes Next

As we move from planning toward implementation, **the Montelores Coalition Roundtable will play an increasingly important role.** The Roundtable serves as a space where community members and partners help review project ideas, discuss priorities, and ensure that implementation reflects diverse local voices.

**We are especially interested in hearing from voices that may be underrepresented** in the process, including but not limited to: Indigenous community members; Hispanic and Latino community members; Winter recreation users; Shooting sports participants, and Motorized recreation users.

**Applications are open**, and we encourage anyone interested in contributing their voice and experience to apply.

[Apply Here!](#)

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## **Sending Congratulations: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Awarded Parks Grant**

We want to celebrate a major investment in outdoor access and community well-being within our region. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has been awarded a \$1 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to develop public parks in Towaoc!

This project will expand access to outdoor spaces, create new recreational opportunities, and support community health and connection. It is an exciting example of how locally driven projects can reflect cultural values while serving future generations.

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## **Collaboration Highlight: Working Together with SCCORR and PARC**

Strong partnerships are essential to effective stewardship. **The Montelores Coalition is working closely with Southwest Colorado Outdoor Conservation and Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR) and the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC)**, our neighboring Regional Partnerships, to build a more connected regional network.

One focus of this collaboration is stewardship messaging and interpretive signage. Together, we are working toward more consistent, respectful, and accurate language across communications, including incorporating Tribal perspectives and ensuring interpretive materials reflect the landscapes and cultures they represent.

By aligning language, signage, and messaging, we can better protect the

landscape, educate visitors, and support shared stewardship values across the region.

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