



As we continue moving from planning into implementation, April brings new opportunities to get involved and stay connected to the work happening across Montezuma and Dolores counties.

From Strike Team project proposals to Roundtable applications and new project funding, here's what to know this month.

Strike Team Proposals Now Open

The Montelores Coalition is now accepting proposals for our first Strike Team projects. This pilot effort focuses on short-term, on-the-ground work that supports conservation and recreation priorities across our region. Projects may include derelict fence removal, noxious weed treatment, and recreation site maintenance.

👉 Visit our [website](#) for the [Request for Proposals](#), [Project Ranking Matrix](#), and [form to submit your proposal](#).

 **Deadline: May 4, 2026**

Roundtable Applications Closing Soon

Roundtable applications are currently open, with a **deadline of April 6, 2026**.

As the Coalition moves into implementation, the Roundtable plays an important role in reviewing project ideas, discussing priorities, and ensuring community perspectives continue to guide this work.

We are especially interested in hearing from voices that may be underrepresented in the process, including Indigenous community members, Hispanic and Latino community members, winter recreation users, shooting sports participants, and motorized recreation users.

Apply Here!

New Project Funded: Ranching Art Contest

The Montelores Coalition has received a \$5,000 grant from the LOR Foundation to support a project focused on balancing ranching and recreation on public lands.

This project will bring together ranchers, recreationists, and community members to create an educational brochure about ranching on public lands, featuring artwork from a community art contest.

The goal is to build understanding around working lands, reduce conflicts between ranching and recreation, and support long-term collaboration among public lands users.

More details on the art contest will be shared soon!

We appreciate the continued engagement and support from our community.

Whether you are submitting a project, applying to the Roundtable, or simply staying informed, your participation helps shape the future of outdoor recreation and conservation in our region.

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