



## Introducing the Montelores Coalition Strike Teams Initiative

After months of community input and collaborative planning, the Montelores Coalition is moving into implementation. Our first on-the-ground effort is launching this late Summer/Fall through targeted Strike Teams focused on conservation and recreation priorities across Montezuma and Dolores Counties.

This is an important next step for the Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan. We're ready to begin doing the work, learning from it, and building toward even larger efforts in the future.

### What Is a Strike Team?

Strike Teams are coordinated, short-term project efforts designed to address specific conservation and recreation needs identified through community input and regional planning.

Our initial pilot projects will focus on:

- Removal of derelict fencing that poses risks to wildlife and limits landscape connectivity
- Targeted noxious weed treatment in priority areas
- Recreation site maintenance to improve recreation experiences and address damage

These projects are practical, measurable, and rooted in local priorities.

### How Does It Work?

Project sites will be evaluated using a **project scoring matrix**, which will be available on our website soon. This matrix helps ensure transparency and prioritizes projects based on conservation or recreation value, feasibility, community benefit, and alignment with regional goals.

Each selected project will include:

- A defined scope of work
- Identified partners and volunteers
- A clear timeline
- Measurable outcomes

## What You Can Do?

Have an idea? Let us know! If you have a potential project site in mind, the next step is to complete the **Strike Team RFP**, which will be available on our website soon.

We will be accepting:

- Site applications for derelict fencing removal
- Noxious weed treatment project ideas
- Recreation site maintenance ideas
- Expressions of interest from partners and volunteers

The RFP will guide you through the information we need to evaluate your proposal using our publicly available **project scoring matrix**. This ensures transparency and helps us prioritize projects based on value, feasibility, and community impact.

If you know of a location where this work could make a meaningful difference, we encourage you to submit an RFP once it goes live. If you're unsure whether your project is a good fit, feel free to reach out to start a conversation by email at [montelorescoalition@gmail.com](mailto:montelorescoalition@gmail.com).

*This is a pilot effort, and your participation will help shape how Strike Teams grow in the future. We're excited to move from planning into action and begin making measurable progress on the ground.*

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## Roundtable Applications Are Open: 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 interested community members and organizations help review project ideas, discuss priorities, and ensure that implementation reflects diverse local voices.

Applications are open and we encourage anyone interested in contributing their

voice and experience to apply.

Apply Here!

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