



Gearing up for on-the-ground projects is our focus in May. We are excited for our first volunteer work day on May 16 (details below).

From Strike Team proposal submissions to Roundtable engagement and new project development, we are excited to share a few updates and what's ahead.

Strike Team Proposal Update

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Strike Team proposal!

We received 5 proposals from partners and community members. Proposals identified work in both Montezuma and Dolores Counties on federal, private and municipal lands.

Proposals are now being reviewed in collaboration with our Roundtable, and project selections will be **announced in June**.

We appreciate the time, effort, and thoughtful ideas that went into these submissions and look forward to the next phase of this work.

Coalition Roundtable Update

The Montelores Coalition Roundtable held our Annual Meeting in April.

A total of 26 participants joined, including members of the Executive Committee, returning Roundtable members, and 14 new members. It was a strong and diverse group representing a range of perspectives across the region.

The meeting focused on introductions and building connections. There was a collaborative energy and great engagement throughout the discussion.

As implementation moves forward, the Roundtable will play a key role in reviewing project proposals and helping guide priorities across the region.

Thank you to everyone who applied and attended!

State Trust Land Conservation Proposals

The Montelores Coalition Roundtable was recently asked to submit suggestions for potential new lease types on some State Trust Land parcels in our region.

These proposals were submitted as part of a statewide initiative from the Colorado Legislature to explore how State Trust Lands can support conservation, climate resilience, biodiversity, and low-conflict recreation while continuing to provide revenue to beneficiaries.

The Roundtable used a collaborative process that balanced conservation, recreation, and working lands to design our submissions.

Recreation Use Data Project

The Roundtable also participated in a statewide pilot project focused on better understanding recreation use.

Through a collaborative nomination process, **Phil's World and Jackson Lake State Park** were selected for recreation use data collection using anonymous cell phone data.

The results will be publicly available and will help inform future decisions around recreation, conservation, and economic development in our region. This type of data-driven approach supports more informed and balanced planning moving forward.

Colorado Public Lands Day Cleanup

Sat., May 16, 2026: 10am to 2pm
Bean Canyon Rd off FR 526,
Dolores, CO

Free lunch! Swag!
 ◊ Litter pick-up ◊ Weed removal ◊
 ◊ Fire ring naturalization ◊

Sandwiches provided by Dolores Food Market

Register here

Vanpool available from Dolores and Durango

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Questions? Contact MK Thompson: volunteer@sjma.org or 970-403-5422

Join Us: Colorado Public Lands Day!

Colorado Public Lands Day is coming up on May 16!

The Montelores Coalition will be partnering with San Juan Mountains Association, Dolores Watersheds Collaborative, and the Forest Service to support stewardship efforts on public lands, and we hope you'll consider participating as well!

Southwest Conservation Corps Applications!

SCCORPS is accepting applications for its Cortez Fall Day Crew. This crew will support meaningful stewardship and conservation projects across the region, including work connected to the Montelores Coalition's upcoming Strike Team initiatives this fall.

Visit SCCorps.org for more details and application information.



Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Your participation, whether through project proposals, Roundtable involvement, or simply staying informed, helps shape the future of outdoor recreation and conservation in our region.

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