



As summer begins across Southwest Colorado, the Montelores Coalition continues moving from planning into implementation through collaboration, stewardship, and community-driven projects. Here are a few updates from us!

Strike Team Proposal Process Update

The Montelores Coalition Roundtable recently came together to review Strike Team project proposals and discuss funding recommendations.

Using a consensus-based decision-making process, Roundtable members worked collaboratively to review submissions, discuss project priorities, and identify projects that best align with the goals of the Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan.

We appreciate the thoughtful conversations and engagement from everyone involved in the process. **Final project announcements will be shared soon.**

Colorado Public Lands Day Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Colorado Public Lands Day cleanup at Bean Canyon!

Together, volunteers removed approximately 1,000 pounds of litter and debris from the area, including contractor bags of trash, scrap metal, shell casings, abandoned materials, and other waste. Volunteers also helped clean and naturalize multiple fire rings throughout the site.

We appreciate the collaboration and support from San Juan Mountains Association, Dolores Watersheds Collaborative, the Forest Service, and all of the community members who came out to help care for this landscape.

As the Montelores Coalition continues moving into implementation, we are excited for more opportunities to support meaningful stewardship projects across the region.

Regional Partnership Initiative Summit

Earlier this spring, Montelores Coalition Executive Director Cara Gildar participated in an interview at the Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI) Summit focused on collaboration with other Regional Partnerships across Southwest Colorado.

The conversation highlighted the growing partnership between the Montelores Coalition, Southwest Colorado Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR), and Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC). Together, the three organizations have formed the Southwest Regional Partnerships group (SWRP) to strengthen coordination, communication, and shared stewardship efforts across the region.

This type of regional collaboration helps support landscape-scale conservation and recreation efforts while continuing to reflect local community priorities.



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.



Throughout the summer, the Montelores Coalition will continue sharing updates, educational videos, implementation efforts, and opportunities to get involved across the region.

Thank you for continuing to follow and support this work.

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