



Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee
Balancing Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Conservation of Natural Resources to Serve the Unique Needs of Colorado's Southwest Corner.

Colorado Welcome Center
928 E. Main St, Cortez, CO 81321 or on [ZOOM](#)
August 18, 2026, 8:30-10:30 AM
Minutes

Attendees: Kalin Grigg, Jamin Grigg, Brian Bartlett, James Dietrich, Joe Manning, Helen West, Skip Zeller, Cara Gildar, Kelsey Girod

Guests: Lanea Donahoo, Nicci Crowley, Tori Manogue, Mike Wight

1. Public comment period
 - a. No one present
2. Introductions-Nicci Crowley and Andres Esparza
3. Presentation-Lanea Donahoo
 - a. Lanea expressed her appreciation for the organization and the time that she spent on the Executive Committee, but also the hardships that come from being someone in the agricultural community to make the most out of being on the committee
 - b. The committee recognizes Lanea's time on the coalition and her insights and expertise that she brought to the organization
 - c. Lanea and the members of the executive committee talked through issues that the agricultural community has identified: general education of trail etiquette and the relationship between recreation and ranching, what the coalition can do to better support the agricultural/ranching community, and how to correctly engage the community by showing support and joining in when we can.
 - d. Ideas for future Ag engagement
 - i. Attend Cattlemen's annual meeting in Feb
 - ii. Engage 4H
 - iii. Connect through farmer's markets
 - iv. CTO/GOCO grant for cross-agency educational signage for Montelores area
4. Road 39 Strike Team project update
 - a. James gave an update on the project specifically the issue with permitting for the PALS
 - b. Q&A with MSI's Jake Kurzweil at 9:30
 - i. Jake shared permitting examples, structure size comparisons, and upcoming site visits
 - ii. Jake will report back to Cara by the end of the week on his site visits
 - c. Alternate projects if permit not completed
 - i. USFS, BLM have shovel ready projects that fit
 - d. Volunteer day 10/24

- i. Brian, Helen, Kelsey part day
- 5. Dolores Bike Fest
 - a. October 2-4th
 - b. Montelores Coalition was asked to participate by roundtable member
 - c. We will be involved with a focus on trail stewardship, trail etiquette including how to interact with cattle and not split the herd, etc, perhaps official trail etiquette sponsor.
 - d. Share information about etiquette for all trail users, not pointing fingers at any one type of user
 - e. Helen and Jake Q can help plan
 - f. Lanea from CSU Extension will help with content
- 6. Roundtable resignations
 - a. Jim Ostrem
 - b. Jamie Bradshaw
- 7. Future Work and Funding
 - a. Field work 2027
 - i. CYCA grant submitted by Dolores County
 - ii. Brainstorm for other opportunities
 - 1. VOC
 - b. RPI application 2027
 - i. we need to finalize our focus on which grant type we will be applying fo
 - ii. Ideas
 - 1. Rimrock trail
 - 2. Conservation easements adjacent to wildlife crossing
 - 3. Wayfinding project
 - iii. Regional Impact grant category can have up to 3 projects, if more then need to reach out to RPI staff ahead of submitting Letter of Intent
- 8. Project/Program Management
 - a. Ranching Art Contest
 - i. Kelsey and Cara are moving forward with and working on the Ranching Art contest, launching in mid-September.
 - b. Delegated Tasks-Kelsey taking on more hours
- 9. Rico/Lizard Head Proposed Trail
 - a. Make time for discussion about this project for Sept Roundtable meeting
 - b. The committee discussed how the coalition can engage with planning and discussion around projects like these from the start.
- 10. Executive Session (if needed)
 - a. Not needed
- 11. Motion to invite Nicci Crowley to join the Executive Committee was made, but there were not enough members present to make a quorum.

Future Business: Agriculture interest representation, 2027 field work ideas and funding; RPI Implementation project ideas; Roundtable composition review; Outreach events, Letters of Support

decision matrix; Succession planning for County Commissioners; trademarking; charter review