

CNHP Partners Meeting

March 10, 2020

Grand Ballrooms C and D, Lory Student Center

Colorado State University Campus, Fort Collins, CO

Meeting Purpose: The Partners Meeting is a forum for communication across Colorado's conservation organizations. Our intention in hosting this meeting is to bring our community together to strengthen our collective network, build connections that make us all more effective, and identify priorities that we can address together.

This year we have partnered with CSU's Center for Collaborative Conservation to co-host the CNHP Partners Meeting with the Western Collaborative Conservation Network's inaugural [Confluence](#) conference. We are encouraging everyone to check that out and attend if you can.

We will have a whiteboard on which you can respond to questions and share ideas. You can write on the whiteboard or use the post its on your tables to write questions, comments, and ideas, and you can either stick them on the whiteboard or give them to any CNHP staff.

Agenda- Morning Sessions are in Ballroom D

8:00-9:00 Sign in, coffee, snacks, networking

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Meeting Overview: David G. Anderson

Land Acknowledgment: Griselda Landa-Posas

9:15-9:25 Welcome from Dr. John Hayes, WCNR Dean

9:25-9:45 Who are we? Growing our Social Network

9:45-11:00 Panel: Are we Loving (and Recreating) Colorado to death?

Chris Pague, The Nature Conservancy, facilitator

Dr. Courtney Larson, The Nature Conservancy

Dr. Rick Knight, CO State University

Crystal Dreiling, CO Parks & Wildlife, Fisher's Peak State Park Superintendent

Tom Cardamone, Watershed Biodiversity Initiative

11:00- 11:20 Break

11:20-12:00 CNHP Updates, and Partnerships Leading to Positive Outcomes

Joanna Lemly, Wetlands

Jeremy Siemers, Zoology

12:00-1:00 Catered lunch (taco bar) and CNHP 40th Birthday Party (Ballroom C and D)

1:00-1:50 CNHP Updates continued (Ballroom D)

Amy Greenwell, Conservation Data Services

Jill Handwerk, Botany Vegetation Ecology

Lee Grunau, Conservation Planning

2:00-3:45 Workshops/ Discussion Groups

Understanding Colorado's Plant Communities- Karin Decker and Denise Culver (Ballroom C)

CNHP maintains data on the location and status of Colorado's native plant communities on several scales. We use many different sources of data to understand and classify them, and we are working to characterize them and understand how management and climate change are affecting them now and in the future. This session will start with a summary of resources CNHP has on plant communities, and will then be a discussion of what you need as managers and practitioners, what you would like to know about Colorado plant communities, and how CNHP can help.

Explore the Tools and Resources within the Colorado Wetland Information Center- Joanna Lemly and Sarah Marshall (Ballroom D)

What kinds of wetlands occur in Colorado? Where are they located? Are they ecologically intact? Where should we focus restoration efforts? Tools to answer these questions and more are available on CNHP's Colorado Wetland Information Center (CWIC) website. This information-packed and multi-faceted website was first developed by CNHP and CPW in 2011 and received a major overhaul in 2018. In this workshop, we will walk participants through the best and newest features on the website, including 1) the Watershed Planning Toolbox, a comprehensive resource for incorporating wetlands and streams into watershed and restoration planning; 2) the new Wetland Plot Database, a searchable database of field data from nearly 3,000 plots in wetlands and riparian areas; and 3) the interactive Colorado Wetlands Mapper and new State of Colorado's Wetlands report, which summarizes all available National Wetland Inventory mapping for Colorado.

CODEX: Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer Hands-on Training- Amy Greenwell and Michael Menefee (Morgan Library 175)

Participants in this workshop will learn about CODEX and will learn how to use its various bells and whistles. NatureServe and Nebraska Natural Heritage Program have set up a test site for us that you'll get to use, and experience most of the features that Colorado will soon have.

Recreation Discussion Group- Lee Grunau and David G. Anderson (Ballroom C)

This session will be a discussion following up from our morning panel on recreation. It is critical that we find ways to implement Colorado's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan while still leaving some room for biodiversity. How can we support robust recreation opportunities in the context of thriving wildlife populations? We will discuss your successes and struggles, and will look at examples of successful engagement between recreational groups and conservation efforts. Together, we will seek to identify lessons learned and opportunities for success.

2:00-3:00 and 3:00-4:00- Open Spaces Sessions with Confluence- see the [Confluence agenda](#) for details.

3:50-4:30 Wrap up of Workshop/ Discussion Groups/ Closing Remarks (Ballroom D)

4:30- 7:00 Happy Hour at the Ramskeller (Level 100, Lory Student Center)