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## September 2023



### A Note from the CCC Director

Last week I connected with smart, capable, passionate people from across Colorado at the Annual Forest Collaboratives Summit. The focus was forest health with a theme of collaboration threaded throughout.

During the opening talk, a local elected official shared how [Envision Chaffee County](#) created a comprehensive program to address forest health, recreation, and agriculture in this rapidly changing corner of the world. We heard that Envision Chaffee County's pathway to success embodied several core principles of collaboration that apply widely:

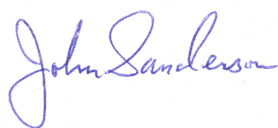
- *Work bottom up, not top down.* Listen to the community and follow their lead. Local non-profits embedded in their community are often the most trusted organizations to convene collaborative planning and action. Government agencies with goals that span ownership boundaries should invest in community-based non-profits so the non-profits have the capacity to serve in this convening role.
- *Take a collaborative stance from the beginning.* Include communities and social groups with different interests and needs. Find those shared values and needs that transcend differences. My view: a stakeholder analysis—where interests and influence are explicitly mapped out—is a useful place to start.
- *Diversify your funding.* Create reliable, multi-year funding. Include a local funding source, if possible, although we were reminded that this can be a big challenge in places where local tax initiatives are not well supported.
- *Tell the story.* Identify who needs to hear about both opportunities and, especially, successes, and make sure they receive the information they need. Use a variety of communication channels as needed to reach different stakeholders.

Implied throughout the Summit was a fifth principle that I have come to believe is key: collaboratives are more likely to succeed if someone—often a staff person at a non-profit—is thinking about and working on the collaboration every day.

Here are a few related resources that might interest you:

- Insights on several aspects of these core principles are including on our [“how to” page](#) and illustrated in case studies and research in our [“publications” database](#).
- You can stay in touch with collaborative forest work in Colorado through the [Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network](#) by [joining the Network’s email list](#).
- If you want more insights into Envision Chaffee County, check out this [hour-long presentation](#) given by one of the key founders.

Be well,



John Sanderson

## News from the CCC

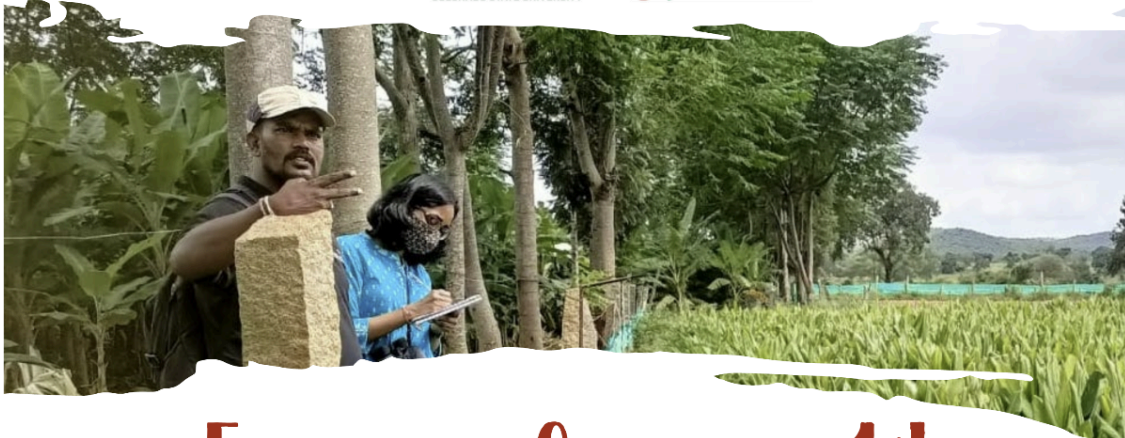
### Fellows Program



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## Information Sessions

For those interested in our Fellows Program, 3 virtual info sessions will be held:

**9/27 (9:00-10:00 am) MT | 9/29 (12-1 pm) MT | 10/5 (5-6 pm) MT**

You can also schedule a **1-on-1 with Allison Brody** throughout September and October here- <https://calendly.com/allison-brody/45min>

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER** at [collaborativeconservation.org/learn/fellows-program/](https://collaborativeconservation.org/learn/fellows-program/)

## Fellows Cohort 14 - Accepting Proposals!

The Fellows Program is for people interested in conservation at any stage of their careers— whether a graduate student, a mid-career professional or academic, or an experienced practitioner. This innovative program **provides funding, training, and a community of practice to plan and implement on-the-ground projects.**

For those interested in our Fellows Program, **Allison Brody, CCC's Associate Director of Learning**, will be available throughout September and October to **support the proposal preparation process** by answering questions about

project ideas, proposal format and content, and address other questions and concerns.

**Three virtual information sessions will be held:** (*registration for each session via individual link*)

- 9/27 (9:00-10:00 am) [MT](#)
- 9/29 (12-1 pm) [MT](#)
- 10/5 (5-6 pm) [MT](#)

Interested applicants should **learn more** through scheduled virtual Information Sessions and [direct outreach](#) to Allison Brody (**schedule a 1-on-1 with Allison [HERE](#)**).

To learn more about applying to the Fellows Program, check out the full Request for Proposals [HERE](#) and the website [HERE](#).



## Welcome Students!

We enjoyed meeting students on campus at the recent Warner College of Natural Resources Fall Picnic!

We've created a Students' Page, [Connect on Campus](#), to link students with 3 ways they can get involved with us at the CCC. On this page you'll find the location of our offices on campus, our social media accounts to hear the latest and greatest news, and **we've identified several ways for students (and anyone else who's interested) to build their skills and networks in collaborative conservation!**

We've highlighted resources like CSU courses, recorded trainings we've held, and our blog series with lots of great stories to share!

We at the CCC look forward to connecting with students at CSU and through our networks this semester and hope you find our resources useful in building your careers supporting conservation.

**CSU Community** - if you know of other resources we can share with students on our site, please let us know at [Conserve@colostate.edu](mailto:Conserve@colostate.edu)!



## Katie's Favorite Summit Pics

From September 6-8th, the Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network (CFCN) hosted the **2023 Annual Colorado Forest Collaboratives Summit**. We'll have a full Summit summary and other follow-up resources coming in the next few weeks, but for now, **check out the blog post below**, where CFCN Coordinator Katie McGrath Novak has shared a few of her favorite photos from the event.

Click [HERE](#) to read "**15 of Katie's Favorite Photos from the 2023 Colorado Forest Collaboratives Summit**".

## WESTERN COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION NETWORK



## WCCN All-Partners Recap

**We had a great turnout at this month's WCCN All-Partners Meeting!**

**We especially want to thank Brian Murphy and Chelsea Silva from the [River Network](#) for their presentation sharing their collaborative work on our rivers.**

They covered a variety of their work bringing people together to plan for the health of rivers from stream management plans across Colorado, and their recent collaborative work on moving the Yampa Integrated Water Management Plan forward.

For those who were not able to make it, you can **watch the All-Partners recording** on our Youtube channel [HERE](#).



**Emerging Leader- Nigel Golden**

As a part of the WCCN, the Emerging Leadership Initiative works to support individuals by connecting them with mentors, one another, and resources that create career and professional development opportunities and empower change. This extends to our "[Emerging Leaders](#)" **blog series**, where we **highlight individuals new to the conservation field with an innovative vision for the future of conservation** work and the motivation, passion, and collaborative mindset to work toward that vision. In this profile series, we're featuring some of these emerging leaders to hear about their passions, the challenges they've faced entering the field of collaborative conservation, and their ideas for the future.

In [this edition](#) of the series, we had the pleasure of speaking with [Dr. Nigel Golden](#) (he/his), a **Postdoctoral Researcher and Expedition Leader** with the [Polaris Project](#) at [Woodwell Climate Research Center](#). Nigel **describes his experiences** as a Black, Queer man in the STEM field, stresses the importance of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (**DEIJ**) in conservation and science, **defines "Brave Leadership"**, and describes his journey to **becoming an arctic climate scientist**.

**Read Dr. Nigel's interview** [HERE](#).

To find out more about the Emerging Leadership Initiative, contact [Jessica Archibald](#).

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**Get to Know the CCC**



## Meet our CCC Fellows: Hope Radford

Hope Radford is a master's student at CSU earning a degree in Cultural Anthropology/International Development and a certificate in Gender, Power, and Difference. After completing an undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Conservation/International Development and serving as an agriculture volunteer in the Peace Corps, she recognized **collaboration was key to the long-term success of conservation and development efforts**. Hope has thus centered her graduate studies on **alternative conceptions of development**, largely among Indigenous communities in Latin America, which seek to reconcile human wellbeing with care for the natural world. Outside of her research, Hope enjoys spending her time backpacking, traveling, and playing music.

Learn more about Hope's work in our **Fellows Program's Cohort 13** [HERE](#).

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## Join Us for Happy Hour!

Come get to know the people behind the CCC at our monthly happy hour! We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5pm to hang out, have a drink, and build collaborative relationships. **Everyone is welcome**, and we want to especially invite our Partners and our friends and students at Colorado State University.

It takes place this month on **Tuesday, September 26th at 5:00 pm** at Avogadro's Number in Fort Collins, CO.

We hope to see you there!

## Scholarly and Applied Impact

**Here we review research to guide our practice. Please reach out with suggestions for what we should cover!**

[Collaborative Alignment: a framework for community-based collaboration for natural resource management, environmental policy decisions, and locally-led climate action.](#) Just recently published on September 5, 2023 by Frontiers in Communication. Authored by Dr. Gregg Walker, Oregon State University; Dr.

Steve Daniels, Utah State University; and Gary Severson, (senior consultant to the Forest Service) Evergreen, Colorado. **This essay introduces the Collaborative Alignment Framework (CA)** and proposes its suitability for empowering and engaging communities as they address issues related to Sustainable Development Goal 15.

A personal note from Gary Severson - *"All three of us were members of the USDA-Forest Service, National Collaboration Cadre for a decade, working with national forests and adjacent communities throughout the National Forest System. I think you may find this of interest."*

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## Other News and Opportunities

**Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition Annual Meeting** Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition ([RVCC](#)) is bringing back their [annual meeting](#) to take place in South Lake Tahoe, CA, Nov 1-3, 2023.

**Quivira Mentorship Program** Quivira Coalition is looking for mentors for its [New Agrarian Program](#) for the 2024 season, which will run from March through October. In particular, we are [seeking new mentors](#) in New Mexico, western and southwestern Colorado, and Wyoming.

**Thriving Earth Exchange October 2023 cohort of Community Science Fellows** Community Science Fellows are committed volunteers who facilitate and lead collaborative, co-developed community science projects that have on-the-ground impact in local communities. Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

**Community Navigators Program (CNP)** [Coalitions & Collaboratives](#) and [The Watershed Research & Training Center](#) are collaborating to support the USDA Forest Service's [Community Navigators Program \(CNP\)](#) to empower leaders in historically underserved communities. These relationships will facilitate feedback loops that better align investments and agency programs with community needs and solutions, resulting in better fire outcomes and increased community wildfire and climate resilience.

**RFP for Gunnison County-Scale CWPP** The West Region Wildfire Council, in partnership with Gunnison County, is [seeking proposals](#) from qualified

firms to support the completion of a new county-scale CWPP.

**COSWAP Workforce Development Grant** The Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program ([COSWAP](#)) supports wildfire risk reduction in Colorado with the Workforce Development Grant. [Applications](#) are open.

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## Jobs

**Check out the CCC's [Job Board](#) for a list of jobs focused on natural resources and collaborative conservation!**

Here are just a few postings shared through our board:

**Program Coordinator at Beyond Carbon Fund** will be responsible for supporting grant-making efforts through project management, a strong understanding of relevant climate policy and issues, and building and maintaining a network of stakeholder relationships. [Apply here](#).

**Boise Front Coordinator at the National Forest Foundation** NFF is looking for someone that will provide facilitation and coordination of collaborative forest stewardship efforts, with an initial focus on the Boise Front Project and Southern Idaho Wildfire Crisis Landscape in Idaho. [Apply here](#).

**Landscape Ecologist at The Nature Conservancy** will provide technical and scientific support and leadership for conservation initiatives and strategies in landscape ecology, remote sensing, spatial analysis, scientific investigations, modeling and visualization, and GIS technology. This position is in Arizona. [Apply here](#).

*If you have job openings that are aligned with our work on collaborative conservation and you want us to share them, submit them to our [job board](#).*

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