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CCC News for March 2022

A Note from the CCC Director

Hiring new staff, meeting with CCC Fellows, and planning September's [Confluence](#) all have me thinking about governance and decision making. Definitions of "collaborative conservation" refer explicitly or implicitly to governance with words like "consensus," "inclusive," and "together." Ultimately, who makes the decisions and how?

A friend recently shared a [podcast on "sociocracy"](#) that helped me connect several dots. The guests in this podcast discuss "a fair, effective, commons-based system of deliberation and decision making." I like how they talk about a "both/and" approach that simultaneously pays attention to the individual *and* the group. They note that sociocracy runs against our societal norms, often making implementation challenging.

Sometimes the challenges are deeply structural. For example, a [recent essay](#) from collaboration expert Gary Severson describes how collaborative efforts on U.S. federal lands can inform decisions but ultimately "decision authority" remains, by law, with a designated official. Wolf restoration in Colorado faces a similar challenge. There is on-going [public engagement](#) (which, viewed from my seat on the [Technical Working Group](#), has been good), but in the end the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will be the sole authority that approves the restoration plan.

Like the CCC, sociocracy emphasizes relationships rather than notions of separateness that often prevail in western society. At a recent meeting of our [Fellows Cohort 12](#), we noted how approaches to mainstream conservation often imply that people are separate from nature. In contrast, one of our Fellows eloquently describe how her culture sees people and nature as inseparable.

These ideas may seem abstract, but I see them as themes throughout applied collaborative conservation literature, including much of the material on our [‘how to’ page](#). If you listen to the [podcast](#) or check out the ‘how to’ page, [let me know what you think](#).

Be well,

John Sanderson

News from the CCC



4-Part Webinar Series on Grasslands Begins Next Month

Starting April 2022, the CCC and partners including the Salazar Center for North American Conservation, the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, and the Institute for Science Policy at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, will be hosting a public [webinar series](#) on the science, cultural history, and conservation and restoration strategies of North American grasslands.

Episode Themes & Dates:

Wednesday, April 13: The Science of Grasslands

What and where are the grasslands? Why are they threatened? And why are these particular ecosystems so vital for the ongoing health of our society?

Wednesday, April 20: People & Grasslands

Grasslands have a long cultural and evolutionary history. How do present-day grasslands policies and philosophies impact our economy, our culture, and our everyday life?

Wednesday, April 27: Back from the Brink: Restoring Wildlife in Larimer County

Grasslands are prized for their biodiversity, providing essential habitat for numerous plants, animals, and bird species across the continent. Protecting them is a complex challenge. A multi-decade conservation effort in Larimer County demonstrates how it can be done.

Wednesday, May 4: The Path Ahead

Grassland conservation remains one of this century's most pressing challenges. How do we turn the tide in order to ensure a healthy, sustainable future for these ecosystems?

**All sessions start at 12 p.m. MT.*

Be sure to [register](#) before the first session on April 13!



June 27 - July 1 | Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Don't Wait to Apply for the CFN Conservation Finance Boot Camp

[Applications are open](#) until March 18 for Conservation Finance Network's **16th annual Conservation Finance Boot Camp** this summer in **Fort Collins, CO!** This year's boot camp will take place in partnership with the Colorado State University Warner College of Natural Resources and the University of Wyoming Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources.

CFN Boot Camp is an intensive 5-day workshop (June 27-July 1) providing crucial insight on innovative and effective funding strategies for mid-career conservation professionals. Participation may be in-person or [virtual](#). Please note that **in-person space is limited** to 30 students— so, if you're interested, be sure to apply ASAP!

Find out more about CFN and Finance Boot Camp on the [CFN website](#).



PREBLE'S MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE

Preble's meadow jumping mouse only exist along the Front Range of Colorado and southeastern Wyoming.

Webinar Recording Available: Protecting Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse

A recording of the Poudre Site Conservation Team (SCT) February webinar on Preble Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM) conservation is [now available to watch](#). Learn about SCT's innovative conservation approach for the threatened and endemic PMJM species and how you can get involved.

The Poudre SCT was established in the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River Watershed in 2019 to facilitate conservation of the threatened Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM). The Poudre SCT aims to work with the local community to achieve the best solutions for people and PMJM.

Find out more and stay updated on SCTs and the PMJM via the [CCC website](#).

Get to Know the CCC



Meet our CCC Advisory Board: Dr. Jennifer Solomon

Dr. Jennifer (Jen) Solomon is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Dimensions at CSU. Her research focuses on the interface of biodiversity conservation, development, and livelihoods. Jen has been incredibly privileged to work and live in several countries where she has practiced conservation social science with a focus on understanding human behavior. She sees the Center as a major part of the solution to many

conservation challenges.

“The conservation movement is at a critical juncture in time and nobody can achieve what needs to be done alone. A large part of conservation is about building and sustaining quality relationships so we can achieve the necessary outcomes for wildlife, people and the planet. If we can’t work well together than we are much less likely to succeed.”

Working collaboratively on teams with students, organizations and leaders brings her tremendous joy. She was honored to receive a CCC Faculty Fellowship (cohort 5) and be part of a Team Fellowship (cohort 7) for work which took place in southern Belize with partner organizations.



Meet our new Intern: Audrey Clavijo

Audrey Clavijo, our new Communications Intern, is a current graduate student at Colorado State University in the Conservation Leadership Through Learning Program (CLTL). Before starting her Master’s degree, Audrey spent the past

three years working as a private consultant coordinating and leading environmental education and Native stewardship programming for the Kake Alaskan Youth Stewards (AYS) and assisting with research in southeast Alaska. Audrey is especially passionate about biocultural conservation, Native and Indigenous rights, and learning about the ways culture and language affect perceptions of nature.

She is thrilled to work with the CCC and WCCN to gain a deeper understanding of collaborative conservation methods, outcomes, and facilitation while working to enhance communications and impact. In her free time, you can find Audrey outside (sun, snow, or rain!) hiking, running, reading, snowboarding, or harvesting native foods.

The WCCN featured Audrey in their latest installment of the ["Emerging Leaders" profile series](#). In it, Audrey shares her experiences working in the conservation field, her perspective on the challenges emerging leaders face, and opportunities for others in the field to support these individuals.

Scholarly and Applied Impact

Current and past CCC Fellows and staff publish impactful research on collaboration and conservation. Here is the latest. CCC Fellows and staff are indicated by bold font.

Porensky, L. M., D. J. Augustine, J. D. Derner, H. Wilmer, M. N. Lipke, **M. E. Fernández-Giménez**, D. D. Briske and CARM Stakeholder Group (2021). ["Collaborative Adaptive Rangeland Management, Multipaddock Rotational Grazing, and the Story of the Regrazed Grass Plant"](#) *Rangeland Ecology and Management* 78(1): 127-141, 115. *The Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM) approach used in this study addressed key stakeholder hypotheses and enhanced stakeholder trust of research results. See other articles under "co-production of science" on the CCC 'how to' page for more insights on using this approach to research to address complex societal challenges.*

Goodtimes, A., L. Luther-Broderick, P. Lyon, J. Goldstein, and S. Brause. 2013. ["A Payment for Ecosystem Services Pilot Project Surveying for Rare Plants on Private Lands in San Miguel County, Colorado."](#) *A decade after Art Goodtimes and his team ran this pilot project, San Miguel County has a full-*

fledged [Payment for Ecosystem Services Program](#) that helps achieve several conservation goals for the county and serves as a model for similar programs elsewhere.

Other News and Opportunities

***Graduate Students: apply to be a National Wildlife Federation [EcoLeader Tribal College and University Research Fellow](#).** Fellows work to build and strengthen existing relationships with Tribal Colleges and Universities and conduct related research. **Apply by April 22.**

Yampa River Fund, a community-based collaborative, is now accepting [grant applications](#) for conservation and restoration projects that positively impact Yampa River flows and support natural resource-based livelihoods. Applications close April 4.

[Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Board](#) is offering funding to programs that increase underserved Coloradan communities' accessibility to the outdoors. Programs must provide environmental stewardship and conservation education for youth or families of Colorado, and address inequities Coloradans face in accessing nature.

The National Forest Foundation [Matching Awards Program \(MAP\) Grant](#) is now open. MAP grants provide a 1:1 funding match for boots-on-the-ground impact projects focused on enhancing ecosystem health and engaging local communities in the outdoors. Eligible applicants include universities, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and federally-recognized Tribes. **Deadline to apply is June 22.**

Jobs

Check out the CCC's [Job Board](#) for a list of natural resources and collaborative conservation focused jobs! Below are just a few postings shared through our board:

The **Central Colorado Conservancy**, located in Salida, Colorado, is seeking an innovative and passionate **Executive Director** to represent and lead their organization. **Submit your [application](#) by March 18.**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is hiring a temporary **Seasonal Property Technician (Wildlife Technician I)** to work on the Cherokee State Wildlife Area (SWA) and other SWA's in Larimer County. Position starts mid-April and runs through early September 2022. **Deadline is March 11.** [Find out more.](#)

Interested in restoring rivers through the removal of nonfunctional dams in the northeast? **The Nature Conservancy Vermont** is in need of a **River Restoration Coordinator**. [Apply on TNC's website](#) before **March 17.**

New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute (FWRI) is seeking a visionary **Collaboration Program Manager** to build capacity and integrate the FWRI collaborative network. [Apply](#) by **April 1.**

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](#).

If you think a colleague would find value in reading CCC news, please forward this email to them and invite them to subscribe to our email list using the form at the bottom of the [CCC home page](#).

If you feel moved to support our work supporting conservation, please consider [supporting the CCC with a donation](#).

Questions? Ideas? Opportunities? Please email the CCC Director [John Sanderson](#).

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