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A Note from the CCC Director

In the second half of last month, the wildfire season in the western US flared up with a vengeance. In Fort Collins, where I live, we had several days last week when we kept the windows closed despite the heat because of smoke from four fires that started within a couple of days of each other. Others had it worse: 26 homes burned in the Alexander Mountain Fire and a person died in the Quarry Peak fire.

It is well known that the West's forests evolved with fire and have a long history of burning, including [fires intentionally lit by Native Americans](#). Over a much shorter period—namely, the 20th century—we forgot how to live with fire. More recently, in [Collaborations and capacities to transform fire management](#), the

authors write that “*the message from the scientific community is clear: Adapt to living with fire . . .*” (Note: this article is behind a paywall, but you can email [the author](#) for a copy). A new film, *Fireforest*, makes this case in a compelling way by telling the story of fire and forest management as natural and essential parts of the landscape; you can find a trailer [here](#) along with screening dates and times for folks in northern Colorado.

The good news is that we are learning fast about how to work across large landscapes to address this immense challenge, including what does and does not work in collaboration. The resources below include insights from collaborative efforts focused on forest health and wildfire, but many of the lessons they contain apply more broadly.

For its on-the-ground, experience-based perspective, I appreciated the timeliness of [Roots and Rivers: The crucial connection between forests and watersheds](#). I recommend taking a full hour to watch [the video](#). A few of the nuggets from the guests that I liked for their clarity and simplicity:

- “Get all of the interested people in the room at the same time”
- “Be willing to change your mind (you can’t put anything in a full cup)”
- Success is, “the ability to perpetually, proactively and collaboratively manage those resources as the landscape evolves and conditions change.”
- “Not everyone is going to agree on everything: focusing on the 80% that they do agree on allows them to stay focused on working together.”

For a lens that is more analytical but still focused on what works and does not work on the ground, check out the many publications from the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute that assess [Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects](#) across the West. Articles include, for example, [Developing and sustaining collaborative resilience in the face of change](#). I also found value in [this article](#) for its personal view of what two individuals bring to a collaborative. In a similar vein, [Branching Out: Engaging Forest Stakeholders through Collaborative Design](#) catalogs why stakeholders engage in—and disengage from— collaborative processes. For a succinct overview of what forest collaboration looks like, check out [What are Collaborative Conservation Groups in New Mexico?](#)

If you really want to dive into this topic, consider join me at the [Colorado Forest Collaboratives Summit](#) in beautiful Durango, Colorado during the first week of September. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Be well,



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News from the CCC

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3 Weeks til Summit!

We're down to the last few weeks before the Colorado Forest Collaboratives Summit and I've got another update! [Click here](#) for **updated details on our optional trainings**.

If you didn't register for the trainings when you originally registered for Summit, but want to now, please send me an email and we can adjust your registration!

Registration is open for our [2024 Colorado Forest Collaboratives Summit!](#) Please [email me](#) if you have any questions about registration or this year's Summit.

I hope to see you in a few weeks!

- Katie McGrath Novak

Our Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network Coordinator



Check Your Inbox Next Week for Collaborative Voices

Are you excited? We're excited! Keep an eye on your inbox next week for the next edition of the Western Collaborative Conservation Network's quarterly newsletter: "Collaborative Voices", where we round-up stories in collaboration across conservation in the West.

In the meantime, check out our past editions of "Collaborative Voices" - in May we covered [all things Confluence](#), in February we [celebrated our love](#) for collaborative conservation, and last October we talked [poetry and collaborative governance](#). You can also [go further back in time on our blog](#).

Make sure you get the WCCN newsletter!

All-Partners: Sept 11

At our most recent amazing WCCN All-Partners webinar, James Calabaza (Indigenous Lands Program Director for [Trees, Water & People](#)) presented different pathways that he used to talk about building new relationships with Tribes. [Watch the presentation](#) recording to learn about all of the information that James took the time to share with our community and check out the work that Trees, Water and People are doing via collaboration in the West [on their blog](#)!

We will be continuing this exploration of collaboration with tribes in our next WCCN All-Partners webinar, which will be led by one of our speakers

from Confluence 2024 – the [Upper Willamette Stewardship Network](#). This webinar will be held on [September 11, 2024](#) from 1-2p Mountain time. If you would like to register to attend, [please visit our calendar page](#) for the webinar.



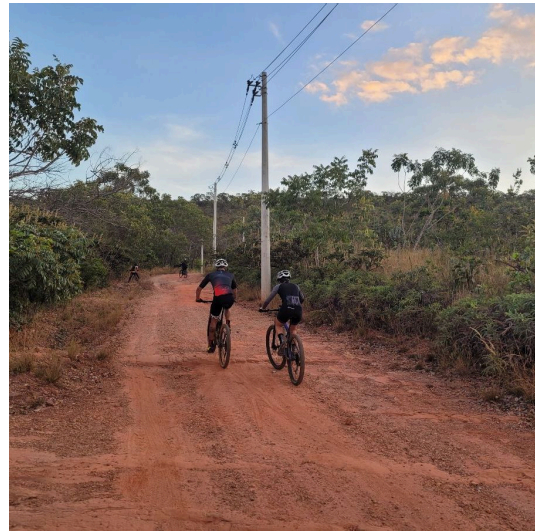
Want to be a Fellow? Now's Your Chance!

The CCC Fellows Program provides funding, training, and a community of practice for a cohort of students, practitioners, and faculty to plan and implement on-the-ground projects.

We embody the transformative power of collaboration in conservation by bridging learning, practice, and collaborative capacity.

The Fellows Program is for those interested in conservation at any stage of their careers— including graduate students, mid-career professionals, academics, or experienced practitioners.

We are now accepting proposals for Cohort 15! Proposals are due November 1, 2024 - all the information you need to apply can be found [HERE](#).



Join Us on Puma Run 2024!

Help us achieve our goal of crossing the Puma through all the states of Brazil! We need to cover 16,000km (9,942 miles). We aim to do it collaboratively and each mile run, biked, walked helps.

3...2...1...Go!

1. Decide how you are going to participate. **The Puma Run will happen from August 19th to 31st.** You can do physical activities everyday, a few days, one day. Alone, organizing a joint effort with people from your community...
2. Fill out the Puma Run form [HERE](#) (it will open August 19th). **In this form you will inform us of the mileage you covered in each activity you do.** So yes! You can fill it out more than once if you want.
3. Run, run run! Share with us your experience. **Post on social media** using the **#semanasucarana** and **#pumaweek** and tag our accounts - [@pcmc_brasil](#) on Instagram and [PCMC Brasil](#) on Facebook.

The Puma Run is part of the Puma Week organized by the [Cerrado Mammals Conservation Program](#) (PCMC). Please reach out to us if you have any questions or if you want to know more about us and the Puma Week

Campaign. Our email is: sucuaranasdetetives@gmail.com or you can message us on Instagram: [@pcmc_brasil](https://www.instagram.com/pcmc_brasil).



Our August 29 Presenter Session will focus on mentorship!

How can we harness the power of mentorship and storytelling to support conservation? Mentorship exposes emerging conservation leaders to new wisdom, advice and experience, supports skill development, and builds professional networks. Mentorship programs can also create a talent pipeline for organizations, thus building internal resilience. Simultaneously, the art of storytelling serves as a potent tool for individuals of all ages, helping to foster an intergenerational connection to the natural world that can inspire environmental action and stewardship.

On August 29 from 12:30-1:30 MST, we'll dive into what makes these tools so powerful in conservation spaces, highlight resources available for organizations to mainstream mentorship and storytelling within their programs, and explore the ways we can learn from and inspire each other to benefit the natural world.

Register for the August 29th Storyteller's Circle

Get to Know the CCC



We <3 Our Interns!

July 25th was National Intern Appreciation Day, and we love our interns at the CCC! This summer, we hosted three SPARK interns: Priscila Santos Urteaga, Becca Ceisel, and Zoe Gagalis.

Last month, our intern Priscila, who is working hard on Summit, travelled to Glenwood Springs to meet with the Middle Colorado Watershed Council and

attend the Colorado Forest Health Council quarterly meeting with our CFCN Coordinator, Katie!



Becca and **Zoe** have been placed with Ducks Unlimited as part of a Cohort 13 Fellows project this summer! Fellow Courtney Massey's project, "Wetlands for Waterfowl and People: Broadening Support for Wetlands Conservation through Collaborative Planning, Colorado" is well underway, in part thanks to the great work of Becca and Zoe!

Check out their intern story on our social media below. Learn more about Courtney's project and the projects of Fellows Cohort 13 [HERE](#).



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FELLOWS COHORT 13
End-of-Project Presentations

August 30 🕒 **8:30-10:30am**

Location 📍 **Rm 413 in WCNR at CSU**

Zoom Meeting ID 📺 **948 897 81912**

Cohort 13 End-of-Project Presentations

We are so excited to have the opportunity to celebrate members of [Cohort 13](#) as they approach the end of their Fellowship! To mark the occasion, we'll come together to share experiences and learnings that happened along the way.

Twelve members of this Cohort have been working on [5 projects](#) since March of 2023. **On August 30, from 8:30-10:30 am, we'll hear Cohort 13 Fellows reflect on their experience and talk about highlights from each project. Please join us!** We know this work is hard, and it will be inspiring to hear about the persistence, flexibility, and problem-solving that went into each of these projects - and some of the amazing impacts that happen as a result.

This Celebration will happen in-person (Room 413 in Warner College of Natural Resources) **and virtually** ([Meeting ID: 948 8978 1912](#)). **Find the calendar invite [HERE](#).** For questions, please [email Allison](#).

Add the End-of-Project Presentations to your calendar!



Meet our CCC Affiliate: Jonathan Paklaian

Jonathan lives in the mountains of the Upper Arkansas River Valley, where he works at the [Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative](#). In his free time, Jonathan can often be found exploring public lands, fishing, hunting, backpacking, boating, cycling, or relaxing with some fiction. He holds an M.S. in Environmental Sciences and Policy from Northern Arizona University.

For over a decade, Jonathan has conducted fieldwork and managed environmental resource projects across the western U.S. This interdisciplinary experience includes working for multiple consulting firms and NGOs, the

National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the USGS. Jonathan looks forward to continuing collaborative conservation work in the Arkansas Basin facilitating meaningful, watershed-wide projects for the communities and ecosystems of the region.

Scholarly and Applied Impact

Here we review research to guide our practice. Please [reach out with suggestions](#) for what we should cover! **CCC Fellows and staff are indicated by bold font.**

When engaging with stakeholders, it's important to truly understand what makes them tick; that is, dig into the values that matter to each person involved. As described in [a recent article](#) authored by **Andie Conlon** (Cohort 11) and others, values are deeply tied to our core beliefs and emotions, and they don't tend to change no matter what's happening around us. These values shape everything—how we behave, the choices we make, and our sense of identity. In collaborative conservation, values play a big role in how people engage with the project, interact with each other, and make decisions.

Interestingly, some childhood experiences can have a big impact on shaping our values. Andie and her co-authors point out that “experiences in nature and positive role models are important drivers in creating a connection to nature.” This got Andie thinking about how a teacher's environmental values intersect with their teaching values, and how these might inform that teacher's decision whether or not to implement place-based science education lessons – and how these lessons might help students shape their future values around their connection to nature. It turns out there is a strong interconnection amongst these factors.

For her Cohort 13 Fellows project, **Alex Ocañas**, who's the Community Engagement Coordinator at Bitterroot Water Partnership, co-created a pop-up exhibit called “What We Talk About When We Talk About Water.” This cool, interactive exhibit was all about helping people develop a “sense of place” in the Bitterroot area, especially around water. Importantly, some parts of the exhibit were designed to get participants thinking about their values as it related to water and the Bitterroot.

Alex knew that discussing these values is key to tackling conservation issues. While it might seem like bringing up conflicting values would make finding solutions tougher, it turns out that having constructive conversations about our values can help the process that can lead to creative, lasting solutions. In collaborative conservation, understanding and talking about our values is where it all begins.

- Allison Brody
Associate Director of Learning



Call for Gray Literature

I need your help!

I worked with the Collab-Lab of Arizona State University on their 22 Factors of Success literature review – which used peer-reviewed literature to identify shared factors for collaborative natural resource management success. (If you'd like to read about the outcomes of this work, you can access that [here](#).)

Now, I am in the process of carrying out a sister project which reflects the knowledge and experience of collaborative practitioners. In order to do this, I am looking for reports, or white papers that discuss factors for collaborative conservation or collaborative natural resource management success.

If you have any favorite reports or frameworks that you use in your work, please [share them with me](#)!

- Aireona Bonnie Raschke
Our Director of Practice

Other News and Opportunities

Film screenings of *Fireforest* | A new film, *Fireforest*, makes its case in a compelling way by telling the story of fire and forest management as natural and essential parts of the landscape; you can find a trailer [here](#) along with screening dates and times for folks in northern Colorado.

Women in Ranching's 2nd Annual Sustainable Ranching event | Join us for the 2nd Annual Sustainable Ranching event, a highlight of our 2024 season! Reconnect with Mars Pet Nutrition and engage with cutting-edge innovations from Colorado State University's AgNext team in Ft. Collins, CO, September 11-12. Are you a woman who cares for land, livestock, and your rural community? Do you support other women in their leadership on the land? If so, we welcome you to Women in Ranching! Register [HERE](#).

Puma Week! August 19-31 | It is a great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2nd edition of the "PUMA WEEK"! In celebration of the Puma International Day, during August 24th to 31st we will have a week reserved to promote discussion on education, culture and human-wildlife coexistence related to pumas conservation worldwide. "Puma Week" is organized by the Suçuarana Detectives Initiative, conducted by the research group Cerrado Mammal Conservation Program (PCMC) in Brazil. The PCMC's main objective is to promote the Cerrado biodiversity conservation, the puma being our ambassador and key species. Post on social media using the [#semanasucuarana](#) and [#pumaweek](#) and tag our accounts - [@pcmc_brasil](#) on Instagram and [PCMC Brasil](#) on Facebook.

Project Phoenix | Did you know that by observing birds in your neighborhood for just 10 minutes a week, you can help us solve the mystery of how wildfire smoke impacts birds? Together, we can safeguard birds through ever-smokier summers. Learn more about Project Phoenix [HERE](#).

4th Southwest Fire Ecology Conference in Santa Fe | The Southwest Fire Science Consortium, Arizona Wildfire Initiative, and the Association for Fire Ecology are hosting the 4th Southwest Fire Ecology Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico from November 18-22, 2024. Our conference will bring together

professionals to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and discuss the latest advancements in fire ecology research and management with a focus on the southwestern United States. Join us for a unique opportunity to connect with fellow professionals and engage in stimulating discussions that will shape the future of fire ecology in this region. Learn more [HERE](#) and register by September 10 for the best rates.

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:



We're Hiring a Communications Assistant!

Apply on Handshake #9169695

Work-Study



WE'RE HIRING! | The Center for Collaborative Conservation is seeking a Communications Assistant for 10-15 hours per week for the fall 2024 semester, with potential for on-going employment into Spring 2025. The Communications Assistant will support CCC's staff with a variety of communication and outreach tasks that are essential to our work. Gain exposure to a range of conservation work, including opportunities to interact with CCC staff, connect with professional networks, participate in professional events, and up-close exposure to non-profit organizations! *This is a work-study position.* Learn more about the position and how to apply [here](#).

Northern Colorado Program Coordinator with the National Forest Foundation | National Forest Foundation (NFF) is pleased to offer a regular, full-time position to coordinate a program of work supporting a partnership between NFF and the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP). The coordinator will work with communities across Northern Colorado and provide leadership for projects completed in partnership with the ARP. This person will work closely with the NoCo Fireshed and other collaboratives, so we (the collaboratives) are hoping to find some good talent! Learn more and apply [here](#).

Marketing and Communications Specialist in Laramie, WY | The Haub-Honors Marketing and Communications Specialist will provide leadership in the design and development of marketing and public relations strategies for the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and the University of Wyoming Honors College. They will also provide a strategic marketing and public relations approach that considers the integration of all marketing efforts, including the website, social media presence, publications, advertising pieces, multimedia/video pieces and communications/press releases. The position is embedded in the Haub School 4 days per week and the Honors College 1 day per week with training and oversight from UW news and communications. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Program Coordinator for the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance | The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance seeks an enthusiastic and organized individual with a strong collaborative nature to join their team. The AVCA Program Coordinator will help implement and monitor conservation projects, coordinate with partners and landowners (both in the field and in meeting settings), schedule and document meetings and workshops, and manage project logistics, administration, and field support. The Program Coordinator will be a Tucson-based/remote, full-time, 40 hours/week position. See the full job flyer [here](#), including information about how to apply.

3 positions with Green Latinos | GreenLatinos convenes an active comunidad of Latino/a/e leaders, emboldened by the power and wisdom of our culture, united to demand equity and dismantle racism, resourced to win our environmental, conservation, and climate justice battles, and driven to secure our political, economic, cultural, and environmental liberation. Currently, they're hiring for three positions: a Community Engagement Manager, a Colorado Transportation Advocate, and a GIS StoryMap Developer. Learn more and 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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