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CCC News for September 2021

A Note from the CCC Director

With the long days of summer fading, I am reading more. I recently re-visited the list of “favorite conservation books” I compiled last year with input from many friends and colleagues. Knowing many of you value great books, I have shared the “if you could buy only 10” list below. The full list, including several that might help you be a more effective conservation leader, is posted in our latest [CCC blog](#).

- *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. (An “influential classic.”)
- *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. (I love how Kimmerer anchors in gratitude and relationship.)
- *In the Shadow of Man* by Jane Goodall. (Stephen Jay Gould called it, “one of the great achievements of twentieth-century scholarship.”)
- *As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock* by Dina Gilio-Whitaker.
- *Trust in the Land: New Directions in Tribal Conservation* by Beth Rose Middleton.
- *The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin.
- *The Home Place* by J. Drew Lanham. (“An essential contemporary memoir.”)
- *Black Faces, White Spaces* by Carolyn Finney (Plus, if you can see Dr. Finney speak, don’t miss it.)
- *Essentials of Conservation Biology (6th edition)* by Richard Primack.
- *A Primer of Ecological Principles* by Richard J. Vogl.

I believe we all should know about the natural life that surrounds us. Good references for geology, mammals, plants, and birds in the place where you live are essential. In Colorado, I recommend:

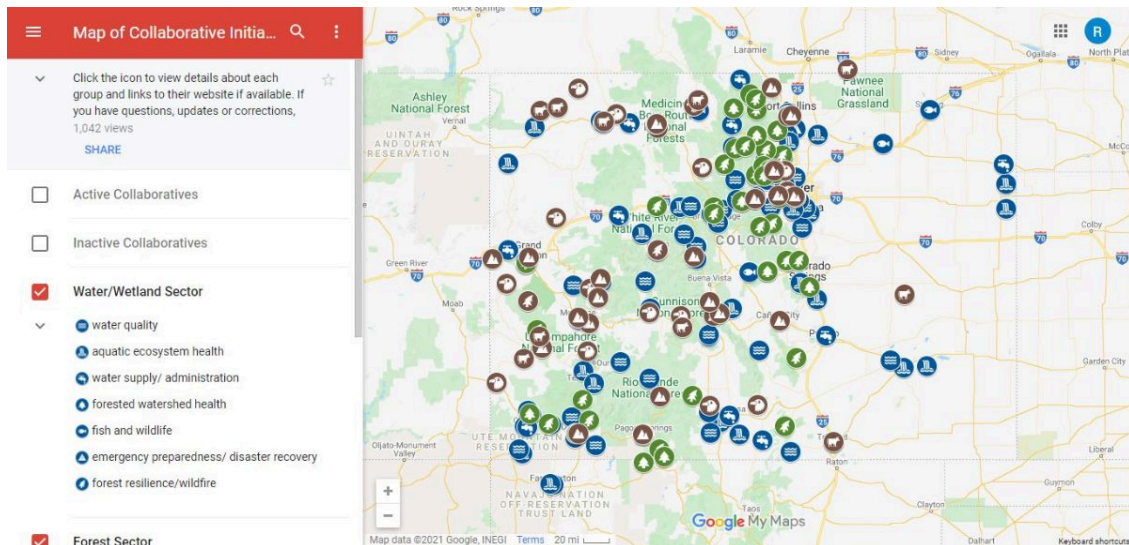
- *Messages in Stone: Colorado's Colorful Geology* by Vincent Matthews.
- *Flora of Colorado* by Jennifer Ackerfield.
- *Mammals of Colorado (Second Edition)* by David Armstrong, James Fitzgerald, and Carron Meaney.
- *American Birding Association Field Guide to the Birds of Colorado* by Ted Floyd, with photographs by Brian Small.

If you have any comments on the list, or suggestions for additions, please [email me](#).

Be well,

John Sanderson

News from the CCC



Atlas of Collaborative Conservation Continues to Be Updated

Our [Collaborative Conservation Atlas](#) has been updated for 2021! The Atlas project works to identify and systematically describe collaborative initiatives across the state to gain a better understanding of who is doing what, where. As of this year, we have identified over 220 long-term collaborative initiatives working on land, water, and more across Colorado. Download our master list of the collaborative initiatives [here](#).

You can also visit our [interactive map](#) to see who is working where and get basic information about the collaborative. For a more in depth view, the [Atlas of Collaborative Conservation report](#) compares and contrasts the problems and issues collaboratives address, the activities they work on together, and why and how they organize themselves.



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or visit collaborativeconservation.org/program/fellows/

Apply by November 2

Learn About Our Fellows Program in Upcoming Info Sessions

We are now accepting applications for our next cohort of Fellows!

Thinking of applying to Cohort 12 of the CCC's [Fellows Program](#) but want to know more about the process? **The CCC is hosting two information sessions to answer any questions** you might have.

The first session is on **September 22** from 10:00-11:00 am MST. The second session is **October 12** from 10:00-11:00 am MST. Find the Zoom links for these sessions [here](#).

Fellows are those who find innovative and locally driven solutions to conservation problems by directly involving communities and practitioners in all aspects of their on-the-ground projects. Find out more about the program [here](#). Applications to join Cohort 12 are due November 2.



Change the Date: Note these Shifts in Upcoming Peer to Peer Exchanges

Due to a resurging wave of COVID-19, there are some changes to our upcoming series of [peer to peer exchanges](#) with the Western Collaborative

Conservation Network. While not all changes are finalized, we want to share what we know so far:

- **The Great Divide Outdoor Recreation Collaborative in Wyoming:** Join a virtual conversation on **September 14** from 9am-noon MST about increasing outdoor visitation. [Register here](#).
- **The Watershed Tour in Montana:** Unfortunately, this year's Watershed Tour is **cancelled**. The Montana Watershed Coordination Council plans to carry out this event sometime in the future, but has no timeline to do so yet.
- **Riparian Restoration in Utah and Western Colorado:** Changes are coming to this exploration of collaborative riparian restoration partnerships, originally planned for November. This event **may be pushed back to spring of 2022**.
- **Virtual Forums in the Southwest:** Originally planned to take place in September, this now virtual event is **tentatively scheduled for November 15-16**. A final schedule is in the works, so stay tuned.

Even with these changes, we hope to still connect with you all as we learn about collaborative conservation in action. Follow updates on the WCCN [Convene page](#).

Get to Know the CCC



Meet our CCC Staff: Heather Knight

Heather Knight joined the Center for Collaborative Conservation as the Associate Director of the Practitioner Program in July of 2016. Prior to joining the CCC team as a staff member, she served an active roll on the Executive Committee from the inception of the CCC. As CCC staff, Heather has served the following roles: co-instructor for the Conservation Leadership Through Learning graduate program, co-facilitator and coordinator of the Western Collaborative Conservation Network, co-facilitator of the Colorado Conservation Exchange (which later became Peaks to People), co-designer and co-host of the Conservation Finance Boot Camp, member and co-facilitator in partnership with the Colorado Water Center for the Poudre Runs Through It, and member and co-chair of the Poudre HUC Site Conservation Team. Heather has shared extensive experience in conservation, with 22 years working with The Nature Conservancy leading a community-based collaborative conservation effort on Colorado's northern Front Range.

Prior to living and working Colorado, Heather earned a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Ecology and Natural Resource Management, a graduate secondary teaching degree, and conducted graduate research on the Great Barrier Reef. Heather's work experience in Australia was guided by a quest to understand people's innate attraction to nature and to work to build an understanding of human impacts on nature and to instill a sense of stewardship. Heather worked in applied ecology labs, environmental education centers, the National Park Service, tourist operations, and secondary schools. Today, Heather and her husband, Rick, live and steward a place in the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre watershed in Livermore, Colorado.

Heather will be moving on from the CCC at the end of this year, and we asked her to share a reflection:

"I am grateful for all of the opportunities afforded to me over the years. Working at the CCC has been an honor and a privilege. To work beside those who are passionate and committed to making a difference every day for people and the places that sustains them is a dream come true. I plan to continue in collaborative conservation back in my home watershed, working at a small scale through my LLC, Natural Conservation Solutions, but leaving plenty of time to explore and give back to my community."



Meet our CCC Fellows: Miranda Conlon

Miranda Conlon (Andie) is a second-year Masters student in the Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources. Prior to beginning this program, Andie received her B.S. in Environmental Science from Santa Clara University and used her post-grad career to explore opportunities in environmental education. After working at an outdoor science school, a zoo's elephant department, and the National Wildlife Federation, she set her mind to the pursuit of higher education. As a member of Dr. Jon Salerno's lab, she hopes to explore the cultural transmission of tolerance for carnivores through social networks in both Fort Collins and Tanzania, with particular emphasis on the transmission to primary school students.

She has already created a strong network here at CSU by becoming a CCC Fellow, an affiliate of the Center for Human-Carnivore Coexistence, and a staff member at the Africa Center. Outside of work and academics, her love for animals is fulfilled by spending time with as many dogs as she can (volunteering at humane societies, dog walking/sitting, etc.). She also enjoys hiking, camping, playing soccer, and just about anything that can get her

outside. That being said, she also regularly spends her evenings re-watching her favorite sitcoms and eating Ben & Jerry's.

Scholarly 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**.*

Chambers JM, Wyborn C, Ryan ME, **Reid RS**, Riechers M, Serban A, Bennett NJ, Cvitanovic C, **Fernandez-Gimenez ME**, **Galvin KA**, Goldstein BE, Klenk NL, Tengö M, Brennan R, Cockburn JJ, Hill R, Munera C, Nel JL, Österblom H, Bednarek AT, Bennett E, Brandeis A, Charli-Joseph L, Chatterton P, Curran K, Dumrongrojwatthana P, Durán AP, Fada SJ, Gerber JD, Green JMH, Guerrero AM, Haller T, Horcea-Milcu A-I, Leimona B, Montana J, Rondeau R, Spierenburg M, Steyaert P, Zaehring JG, **Gruby R**, Hutton J, **Pickering T**. 2021. Six modes of co-production for sustainability. *Nature Sustainability*. *Co-production broadly seeks to connect researchers with diverse societal actors to collaboratively and iteratively produce knowledge, action, and societal change. From their analysis of 32 co-production initiatives, these authors clearly describe six modes of co-production and what makes each more or less effective. Their framework can help researchers plan and navigate co-production efforts. Find the article [here](#) or [email the author](#).*

Other News and Opportunities

The Coastal Solutions Fellows Program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is looking for candidates to design and implement solutions that improve the coastal resiliency along the Pacific Coast of Latin America. Apply by October 15. Find out more about the program [here](#).

The Colorado River District is hosting its annual water seminar on October 1. This year's event, "Wake-up Call on the Colorado River," will "face the harsh economic and environmental realities of this past year, along with a

study of practical solutions and future collaboration." Attend virtually or in person at Colorado Mesa University. Register [here](#).

Multiple funding opportunities are currently available from the Joint Fire Science Program including for wildfire recovery and ecosystem mapping of fire and fuels management. All opportunities close on October 14. Find more information [here](#).

Partnerscapes' Private Lands Partners Day is going virtual this year! Join them October 5-6 as they discuss public-private partnerships that sustain national working landscapes. This event is free, but registration is required. Learn more [here](#).

The Salazar Center and the Next 100 Coalition are accepting applications for the Elevating Voices scholarship program. This scholarship is open to Colorado State University students and will allow them to produce short documentary films. Applications are accepted until September 27. Find out more [here](#).

Two National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants are available to support grassland conservation. Both the [Northern Great Plains Program](#) (due October 21) and the [Southern Plains Grassland Program](#) (due November 4) are requesting proposals for projects related to maintain and improve grasslands across each region.

Managing by Network, a course from the Partnership and Community Collaboration Academy, is accepting applications for its 2022 sessions. This virtual course covers how to leverage partnerships and build trust, build consensus with stakeholders, facilitate meetings, and more. Find more details [here](#).

Jobs

The **Nature Conservancy of Colorado** is looking for a **Freshwater Project Director** for Southwest Colorado. The Director works with a range of partners to conserve and protect rivers, riparian corridors, and wetlands, while contributing to local communities. Apply [here](#) using job ID 50210 by September

15.

The **Audubon Society** is hiring a **Senior Coordinator for Western Rivers** to work with partners to improve the reliability of water supplies for birds and people in Colorado and the Rockies. Apply [here](#).

The **Wilderness Society** is looking for a **Senior Specialist in Alaska Indigenous Conservation** to cultivate and manage relationships with Native partners to advance shared conservation goals. Find the full job description [here](#).

The **Pierce Conservation District** in Washington is in need of an **Executive Director**. The Conservation District is looking for someone who is highly collaborative and mission driven to lead their pursuit to find relevant, sustainable solutions to the community's natural resource concerns. Apply [here](#) by September 28.

If you have a job openings that are aligned with our work on collaborative conservation and you want us to share them, email a link to the job description to conserve@colostate.edu.

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

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