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CCC News for August 2021

A Note from the CCC Director

Devastating floods struck Germany and China, fires in Oregon and California filled Boston skies with haze, and resurging COVID-19 has filled up hospitals again. In recent weeks, I have asked family, friends, and strangers how they feel about the state of the world. Most have told me they feel the world is irredeemably falling apart.

When I shared my essay [Floods, Fires, and Cancer: Disturbance, Resilience, and Renewal](#), it felt like 2021 would be easier than 2020.

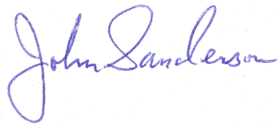
Instead, many headlines this summer have been dark, with [climate change](#) exacerbating every disaster. Today, smoke from the Dixie Fire blanketed Fort Collins. Two weeks ago, a mudslide that followed last year's Cameron Peak Fire destroyed homes and killed three people.

I have been recently reflecting on advice I shared in our [January newsletter](#), particularly "Have a plan. Give people hope." How does one give hope in these circumstances? How do I simultaneously acknowledge the seriousness of the challenges we face while carrying hope for my daughter's future? One answer: by engaging with people working to create a better future. I found some of these people recently at a gathering of [Leopold Conservation Award winners](#) who shared their stories of caring for the land. During a keynote address, a Kansas farmer showed us how he had dramatically increased soil carbon using no-till and cover crops. Over dinner, an eastern Colorado

rancher shared with me his reverence for all life, including prairie dogs, rattlesnakes, and wolves.

In his powerful book "Man's Search for Meaning," Nazi concentration camp survivor Viktor Frankl reminds us that we can choose how we respond to difficult situations. The scales of our challenges demand that we choose to work together for a brighter future. On the way there, take care of yourself. And take care of, connect with, and listen to others, including people not in your tribe.

Be well,



John Sanderson

News from the CCC



Join the Next Cohort of Collaborative Conservation Fellows!

We are now inviting both individual and team applications for Cohort 12 of our Collaborative Conservation Fellowship Program. Fellows find

innovative and locally driven solutions to conservation problems by directly involving communities and practitioners in all aspects of their on-the-ground projects.

We encourage applications with an emphasis on at least one of the four following criteria:

1. Projects led by individuals who identify as belonging to an underrepresented or marginalized group.
2. Projects focused on underserved and marginalized communities, and tribal and ancestral lands.
3. Projects centered on private land issues.
4. International projects that focus on rangelands.

Submissions are due November 2.

[Find application materials here.](#) For more information, contact Fellows Program Director Kim Skylander at kim.skylander@colostate.edu.



Policy and Practice for Wolf Reintroduction in Colorado

In fall of 2019, the Center for Collaborative Conservation Fellows program invited proposals for **interdisciplinary projects related to the potential need for wolf management in Colorado.**

Colorado voters' decision to reintroduce wolves to the state by 2023 is a contentious one, with positive and negative impacts across a range of stakeholders. An effective process for having a dialogue and making decisions on such a contentious issue requires a careful and skilled approach, backed by good information from biological and social sciences and from people who derive their livelihoods from the land.

Now, you can **read policy briefs on our Fellows research findings**. These are science-based projects that use collaboration to address conservation and livelihood issues, and include outreach to communities and stakeholders that have a direct interest in the outcomes of this work. [Read the briefs here](#).



Peer to Peer Exchanges Across the West

Join us and the [Western Collaborative Conservation Network](#) in learning about collaborative conservation efforts across the West. Each event covers a different region-specific topic.

Be sure to take a look at the full list of events we're helping to sponsor:

- Join us **September 14 in Wyoming** to discuss outdoor visitation with the Medicine Bow National Forest.
- **September 15-17** will take us to **Montana** for the Watershed Tour to learn about on-the-ground projects and lessons learned along the Rocky Mountain Front.

- On **September 17**, we'll be online for a **virtual forum** led by the Southwest Collaboratives Network. We'll learn about collaboratives across the **Southwest**, including their successes and challenges.
- On **November 18**, we'll be in **Utah** learning about partnerships based in riparian restoration and the interface of different sectors in gateway community management.

We'll wrap things up with a virtual event connecting these events! Date TBD.

Find the full list of events and details on how to register for each [here](#).

Get to Know the CCC



Meet Our Fellows: Alex Few

During her time as a CCC Fellow, in partnership with CSU student Rae Nickerson, Alex led focus groups to inform a West-wide survey of livestock producer perspectives on wolf depredation reporting and compensation, provided important policy and management recommendations for communities living with wolves, supported peer-to-peer learning, and facilitated discussions of policy and economic responses to the challenges of wolf-livestock predation. Read more about their project and the policy briefs they delivered [on our site](#).

Alex leads Western Landowners Alliance's [Working Wild Challenge](#), an initiative bringing together ranchers, agency personnel, and NGOs across the West to reduce conflicts between livestock and wildlife. The goal of her collaborative

work is ultimately to keep working lands intact and landscapes connected. Alex wrote a blog reflecting on her collaborative work and discusses bias and cultural consequences in conservation that you can [read here](#). You can hear more from Alex on the Wolf Connection Podcast [here](#).



Meet Our Staff: Jessica Archibald

Jessica Archibald is a Ph.D. student at Northern Arizona University in the Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability Program where she researches the potential for and pathways toward using collaborative conservation practices for mangrove restoration in Mesoamerica.

As an intern for CCC and WCCN, Jessica is working to synthesize collaborative conservation resources to create “how-to” information sheets that can be utilized by practitioners and community groups. Additionally, she is designing a presentation for decision-makers about institutionalizing collaborative problem-solving in federal agencies. Finally, Jessica is helping CCC prepare for a conservation philanthropy workshop that will bring together funders and leaders from the community-based collaborative conservation field to explore the needs

and challenges of each and discover potential best practices and actions to be taken together.

Scholarly Impact

CCC Fellows alumni and CCC Staff alumni have been busy publishing impactful research on collaboration and conservation. Here is the latest. Fellows and Staff are indicated by bold font.

C. Steger, C., Gebrehiwot, K., Chengere, S.A., Marinkovich, J., Dullo, B.W., Zewde, S.W., Klein, J.A. 2021. Mental models of a social-ecological system facilitate social learning among a diverse management team. *This paper illustrates the need for diverse perspectives in collaborative environmental management for holistic understanding of both problems and solutions to emerge.* ([Link](#))

Other News and Opportunities

The National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution has two upcoming courses on collaboration. From October 26 - November 3, join the "Collaboration with Native Nations and Tribal Consultation" course for federal agencies and partners to improve intergovernmental relations with Native Nations. From November 30 - December 2, refine your understanding of environmental collaboration and conflict resolution with "Crafting Collaborative Solutions to Environmental Conflicts." Learn more and [register for these courses here](#).

Learn the basics of Stream Management Plans in a 101 course from the River Network and the Colorado Water Conservation Board on August 27. This virtual workshop will cover the history, design process, possible outcomes, and more of Stream Management Plans. [Register here](#).

The next River Rally, hosted by the River Network, will take place June 4-6, 2022 in Washington, DC. Discuss urgent water issues and connect with

knowledgeable practitioners across the country to work toward an equitable and sustainable water future. [Find details here.](#)

The 2021 Colorado Wildland Fire Conference will take place in Grand Junction September 22-23. Join keynote speakers Brian Fies and Bill Hahnenberg to discuss this year's theme of "Resilient Colorado: Moving Forward in Evolving Wildfire Landscapes." When you register, be sure to sign up for one of the pre- and post- conference tours. [Find more details here.](#)

Help develop the Colorado Natural and Working Lands Strategic Plan on forests and forest management on September 14. Colorado's state agencies and partners want to hear from the public as they develop this statewide plan centered around climate change mitigation objectives. [Sign up for the conversation here.](#)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is **requesting proposals for its 2022 Northern Great Plains Program** aimed at conserving and restoring grasslands and wildlife. Proposals are due October 21. Find the [full request here](#), or sign up for an informational [webinar on August 10 here](#).

Save the date for the annual **Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference** in Avon, Colorado on October 5-7, 2021. This in-person event works to expand cooperation and collaboration in natural resource conservation, protection, and enhancement in Colorado. Participate in discussions on emerging water issues and innovative projects. Get [more information here](#).

Registration is open and space is limited for the **Fundamentals of Conservation Conflict Transformation** 5-day virtual workshop from the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding. The workshop draws upon best practices for addressing complex conservation conflicts and cultivating durable conservation solutions. Join either September 20-24 or October 25-29. [Register here](#).

Southwest Decision Resources is hosting facilitation trainings September 9-10 in Flagstaff and September 24-25 in Tucson, Arizona. These interactive trainings will prepare you to design and facilitate successful meetings in natural resource and community settings. The Western Collaborative Conservation Network is funding partial scholarships. [Find out more here.](#)

The Salazar Center's third annual Conservation Impact Symposium will take place September 28-29 in Denver, Colorado. This year's symposium will focus on progress made toward national and international large landscape conservation goals. [Register here.](#)

Join the Virtual Conference on Protected Area Tourism in a Post-COVID World October 11-15. Co-organized by Colorado State University's Center for Protected Area Management and the U.S. Forest Service's International Programs, this conference will offer a space to discuss how protected areas, communities, and sustainable tourism are adapting to COVID-19 and how to improve sustainable tourism in the future. [Find out more here.](#)

Jobs

The **Institute for Science and Policy** in Denver, Colorado is hiring an **Engagement and Policy Specialist**, a newly created position to help develop the organization's programs, communication, and engagement to create meaningful experiences. Apply by August 23. [View the full description here.](#)

The **Center for Large Landscape Conservation** is in need of a **Chief Operating Officer**. This position in Bozeman, Montana will oversee the Center's business operations to ensure continued growth and effective delivery of their mission. Apply by September 1. [Learn more here.](#)

Become the next **Executive Director** for the **Poudre River Watershed Coalition** and act as a visionary force as they work to build a healthy and resilient watershed through community collaboration. This position is open until filled. [Apply here.](#)

The **New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute** at New Mexico Highlands University is looking for a **Director** to lead an effort to advance forest ecosystem restoration. This position is open until filled. [Apply here.](#)

An effort led by **Bird Conservancy of the Rockies** is in need of a graduate student from Colorado State University to act as a **Facilitation Assistant** on a

collaborative project aimed at improving ranching and conservation outcomes in Eastern Colorado. Apply by August 21. [Find the full description here.](#)

Join the **College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point** as an **Assistant Professor** in Interpretation. This tenure-track position will build and lead the natural and cultural history interpretation portion of an undergraduate environmental education and interpretation program. Apply by September 1. [Find the position description here.](#)

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 of the job description to conserve@colostate.edu.

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