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# August 2022



## A Note from the CCC Director

In the mountains west of Fort Collins, dried and faded flowers are pointing to the end of summer. The Colorado State campus is already buzzing as we prepare for classes that start Monday. Here at the CCC, we are preparing for fall events that may interest you.

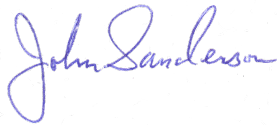
In September (a glorious time to travel in Colorado!), Kate McGrath and I will be convening a series of four regional meetings to gather input on the [Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network](#). If you are a staff member or partner of a forest collaborative, please join us to contribute your ideas on how the Network can be most useful and effective. You can find out more below.

I'm also excited to travel to Montana's Paradise Valley, in a little over a month, for [Confluence 2022](#). Again, more details below, but let me share a few things I am personally looking forward to:

- Connecting with many smart, talented, experienced conservationists from across the western US to share stories, learn, and laugh.
- Learning from the successes and failures of four landscape conservation efforts featured in the [Life in the Land](#) film series, in dialogue with people who are part of those collaborations.
- Gaining new insights into working across cultures, including learning about the 27 Native American Tribes who have historic and modern connections to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Superintendent Cam Sholly will give a keynote presentation on the Yellowstone National Park's 150th anniversary and the Park's work with tribes, and Dr. Shane Doyle (Apsáalooke) will be supporting us in learning about working across cultures. For a taste of Dr. Doyle's work, check out this video on [Awaxaawippíia](#).

I look forward to seeing quite a few of you at one or more of these events.

Be well,



John Sanderson

## News from the CCC



## Last Chance to Register for WCCN's Confluence 2022!

Register for the [Western Conservation Collaborative Network \(WCCN\) Confluence 2022](#) to enhance your collaborative skills and connect with

**others doing collaborative conservation** through workshops, keynotes, and case studies on:

- Foundational Collaborative Skill Building
- Understanding, Measuring, and Enhancing Collaborative Capacity
- Crafting Your Collaborative Conservation Story
- Sustainable Conservation Funding
- Cross-Cultural Partnerships
- Learning from Failure
- Emerging Leaders
- Collaborating Across Landscapes: Montana Case Studies

This year's WCCN Confluence will focus on three main topics— ***Cross-cultural Collaboration, Community-based Landscape Conservation, & Collaborating on Water in the West.***

**Register Now!**



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**WHERE:**

Chico Hot Springs Resort  
163 Chico Road  
Pray, Montana 59065

**WHEN:**

Monday, September 19 to  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

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**PLEASE NOTE:** [Chico Hot Springs Resort](#) will release any remaining rooms of the Confluence room block this **Friday, August 19. *If you plan to stay with us***

***at Chico, please call (406) 333-4933 as soon as possible to reserve your space. Our rooms can be rented for \$185 per night until tomorrow!***

For other lodging options and additional travel information, please consult our [Travel Logistics Sheet](#).

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## **Confluence 2022 Session Spotlight:**

### **“Collaborative Capacity”**

#### ***What is it, how do we measure it, and how do we get it?***

This session will provide participants with an opportunity to explore the concept of collaborative capacity and those elements that are essential to building and sustaining capacity. Participants will be encouraged to consider their own work and role in providing or acquiring collaborative capacity, and their perspectives will inform a [study](#) being launched through the [California Landscape Stewardship Network](#) on this topic. Additionally, we will dive into how to message capacity needs and impacts to funders and agency leaders.

#### **Leaders for this session:**

**Sharon Farrell** consults as a Strategic Advisor for the national Stewardship Network and other collaborative stewardship partnerships throughout California. She has more than 20 years of experience building and sustaining local and agency capacity to effectively work in partnership in advancing landscape-scale restoration projects.

**Jaimie Baxter** is a master's graduate student in environmental studies at Western Washington University. Her work follows environmental policy in the United States, specifically the Biden-Harris' America the Beautiful Initiative, and the goal to conserve 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

#### **Registration is \$395.**

GOOD NEWS! We found a way to extend registration to September 9, or when we have filled all 150 slots.

On-site registration will not be offered.

As noted above, the Chico Hot Springs room block still will be released Friday.

**Register for Confluence 2022**

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## Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network Regional Meetings

The [Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network](#) is hitting the road!

Building on what we have already identified in our Situation Assessment and one-on-one conversations as collaboratives' key challenges and needs, **we are seeking input from folks directly involved in one or more of Colorado's forest collaboratives.**

At four upcoming forums across Colorado, we will map partner relationships across the state, workshop ideas for how the network can best support Colorado's forest collaboratives, and walk away with actionable next steps for the Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network moving forward.

### Join us for one of four regional forums in September:

Durango – Thursday, September 1st

Fort Collins – Tuesday, September 13th

Colorado Springs – Thursday, September 15th

Glenwood Springs – Thursday, September 27th

Click [here](#) to learn more.



## **Poudre River Site Conservation Team Watershed Tour**

**The US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is taking a new approach to species conservation through locally formed Site Conservation Teams (SCT).** The Center for Collaborative Conservation is proud to be an active member in the first team created, targeting Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM) in the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River Basin.

The Preble's mouse was listed as a threatened species in 1998 under the Endangered Species Act by USFWS. The Poudre River Site Conservation Team is working to give voice to local communities in the process of recovering the Preble's mouse. The goal of the SCT is to work towards the recovery of the Preble's mouse, and ultimately its delisting, while also causing minimal impact to public and private land uses.

To see PMJM in action, check out this [video](#) and **join us September 10 for our first Poudre River Watershed Tour 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. M.T.**

[Register here](#) or learn more about Poudre River SCT [here!](#)

**Get to Know the CCC**



## Meet our CCC Fellows: Connor McCarty

**Hi my name is Connor McCarty, and I'm a social-ecologist.** During my undergrad studies at Colorado State University, I was a Fellow for the International Research Experience for Students (IRES). I designed and undertook research focused on defining “problematic” plants through Maasai Indigenous knowledge in northern Tanzania.

Thanks to the Center for Collaborative Conservation fellowship, I have the opportunity to continue this research as a graduate student. It is my goal to integrate different knowledge systems to discover novel solutions to our world's complex environmental issues while promoting human well-being.

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## Meet our Advisory Board: Hallie Mahowald

**As programs director for the Western Landowners Alliance**, a landowner-led non-profit advancing policies and practices to sustain working lands, connected landscapes and native species, Hallie manages people and strategy to support stewardship across the American West. At Western Landowners Alliance, Hallie oversees all programming including the Working Wild Challenge program, a landowner-led effort that recognizes the challenge of ranching with wildlife, and facilitates constructive dialogue between wildlife managers and working land stewards to solve problems through peer learning, public policies and increasing access to technical and financial assistance. Previously, Hallie worked for the Department of Energy where she handled compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA). She holds a B.A. in Environmental Science and a M.A. in International Environmental Policy. In conjunction with her academic studies and early

career in the non-profit sector, she worked on many natural resources management and sustainable development projects in Central and South America. Hallie currently serves on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's wolf reintroduction and management Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and as board president for the Central Colorado Conservancy.

In her free time, she enjoys mountain biking, paddling and skiing with her husband and two children.

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## Scholarly and Applied Impact

**Current and past CCC Fellows and staff publish impactful papers, reports, web-based tools, and more on collaboration and conservation. Here is the latest. CCC Fellows and staff are indicated by bold font.**

*What are some of the themes common to successful collaboratives? What does it look like in practice?*

Check out [this blog post](#) to explore some of these qualities in the Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable, which **Kimberly Langmaid**, CCC Fellow Cohort 4, helped to establish. One of their projects was to create [The Wildlife Interaction Map](#) to share information in useful and interesting ways.

The blog post also features **Dr. Becky Thomas**, CCC Fellow Cohort 4, who worked with her co-author to develop an approach for “understanding how collaborative capacity expresses itself at the individual level,” adding to our understanding of what it takes to be successful at collaborative conservation (Burkardt, N and R.E.W. Thomas, 2022).

Read [the full blog post here](#).

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## Other News and Opportunities

The CCC is proud to be a sponsor for **Salazar Center for North American Conservation's upcoming [2022 Symposium on Conservation Impact](#)**. This year's symposium (**October 6-7**) will focus on transboundary conservation, specifically on the U.S.-Mexico border with the option to participate in-person or virtually. We hope to see you there!

**Colorado State University's Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources' [2023 Pathways Conference](#) is now accepting proposals** for abstracts and sessions focused on the theme: *Managing Wildlife in an Era of Mutualism*. [Find out more](#) and apply!

**Applications for 2023 [US Presidential Management Fellowship \(PMF\)](#), a two-year professional development program** for post-graduate degree holders interested in working in the federal government **will open September 13**. A [series of webinars](#), beginning August 20, will also be available online to provide applicants with more information regarding the application. **Learn more about the program and application process [here](#)**.

**September 26-28 [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will be hosting a 3-part virtual [workshop series](#) on Science Communication Skills** designed to help scientists communicate their research effectively. Workshops will feature essential communication skills trainings on jargon management, storytelling, and more! Graduate students and professionals in all fields of STEM are invited. **Find out more and register [here](#)**!

**The [Wyoming Migration Initiative](#) and its partners are hosting several free events for a new film series, **My Wild Land**, a 3-part film series** that tells the story of three Wyoming ranches committed to preserving their western heritage and wildlife for future generations. My Wild Land will be screened on the following dates and at the following locations:

- Jackson, Wyoming – September 1st, 6 p.m. Teton County Library
- Laramie, Wyoming – September 22nd, 6 p.m. Gryphon Theatre
- Lander, Wyoming – September 29th, 6:30 p.m. Lander Community and Convention Center

**Watch the film's trailers at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/mywild>**

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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:

**Rural Voices Conservation Coalition is seeking for a [Coalition Director](#) who is passionate about collaborative conservation and coalition-building, and excited to advance the organization's work around natural resources and economic development issues that affect rural communities across the West. Open until filled; application review begins September 6.**

**Larimer Conservation District is hiring a [Conservation Forester](#), a field-based position to lead project planning, monitoring, and analysis. Located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Application closes 5 p.m. M.T. August 22.**

**Montana-based Cinnabar Foundation is looking to hire a remote [Grants Program Director](#) to support the foundation's grant-making process. Applications due September 30.**

*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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