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May 2022



## A Note from the CCC Director

I am honored to introduce the [staff](#) who have joined the CCC since the beginning of the year:

- Katie McGrath Novak, Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network Coordinator. Katie earned her MS from CSU studying public perceptions of a prescribed fire outreach program on Colorado's Front Range.
- Audrey Clavijo, Communications Intern. Audrey is current earning her Masters in Conservation Leadership at CSU. You can read a lovely profile of Audrey [here](#).
- Allison Brody, Associate Director of Learning. With her Doctor of Arts in biological education, Allison came to the CCC from Explora Science Center & Children's Museum of Albuquerque where she led innovative science education programs.
- Aireona Raschke, Associate Director of Practice. Equipped with a PhD from Arizona State's Center for Biology and Society, Aireona came to the

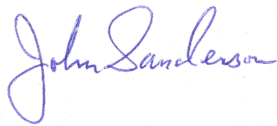
CCC from the Desert Botanical Garden where she led the Central Arizona Conservation Alliance.

Some faces have changed. The CCC's [values](#), [vision and mission](#) have not. We are still pursuing the same strategic goals:

- Growing collaborative conservation understanding and skills, through our flagship [Fellows Program](#), [online resources](#), and [trainings](#).
- Supporting collaborative conservationists, through the [Western Collaborative Conservation Network](#) and the [Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network](#).
- Facilitating on-the-ground outcomes through engagement and education on [water, wolves, and grasslands](#).
- Keeping CCC a healthy, effective organization.

CCC's first organizational value is "conservation impact." This is where we spend most of our time and resources. And, as we welcome new staff, we are as focused as ever on people. Audrey put a big smile on my face recently when she told us, "The kind and authentic culture of the CCC staff cannot be beat." Beyond CCC staff, it also remains clear to us that CCC can't accomplish anything without you. Thank you for all you do to make the world a better place.

Be well,



John Sanderson

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**News from the CCC**



**Infrastructure Investment  
and Jobs Act**  
also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**Overview for Forest  
Collaboratives**

**May 25th, 2022**  
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**9-11am MST**








## Infrastructure Law & Forest Collaboratives Webinar Next Wednesday

**Next Wednesday, May 25 at 9 a.m. MST**, JW Associates, Southern Rockies Fire Science Network, Fire Adapted Colorado, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute, and the CCC will host a [webinar](#) on the **Infrastructure Law and Forest Collaboratives: Overview and Program Potential**.

Webinar speakers and topics include:

- **General Overview of IIJA and Its Relevance to Forest Collaboratives** with Alex Funk
- **Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program** with Leah Fine
- **Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership** with Jonas Feinstein and Gretchen Reuning
- **WaterSMART** with Avra Morgan and Nickie McCann
- **Cross-Boundary Ecosystem Restoration-USFS** with Steve Lohr
- **Cross-Boundary Ecosystem Restoration-DOI** with Ian Barrett
- **Good Neighbor Authority** with Matt Etzenhouser

**Register [here](#)** to join the Infrastructure Law and Forest Collaboratives webinar Wednesday May 25.



## **Save the Date!**

### **Confluence 2022 September 19-21**

**It's time to recharge, reinvigorate, and reconnect at the [Confluence 2022](#), September 19 to 21 at Chico Hot Springs Resort in Pray, Montana.** This year's Confluence will address the interests and needs of collaborative conservation groups and capitalize on the collective wisdom, creativity, and inspiration that draws all of us to the practice of collaborative conservation.

**Confluence 2022 will focus on three key collaborative conservation topics:**

- ***Watersheds***
- ***Public Policy***
- ***Cross-cultural Collaboration***

**We will also take a deep look at Paradise Valley, Montana and use it as a lens to learn about collaborative conservation throughout the American West.**

Confluence 2022 is a perfect conference for conservation practitioners, academics, students, and volunteers from across the Western United States who are experienced or interested in collaboration as a key element of their work.

The WCCN would greatly appreciate if network partners shared this [Confluence Save the Date Announcement](#) with coworkers, friends, and

partners who may be interested!

**Registration opens June 2022. Keep an eye on the [WCCN webpage](#) for updates, calls for posters, and information on sponsorship opportunities!**

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## CCC Fellows Retreat

This month, the [CCC Fellows](#) from Cohorts 11 & 12 enjoyed an in-person training retreat at The Nature Conservancy's beautiful Phantom Canyon Preserve. Alongside the new CCC Associate Director of Learning, Allison Brody, the Fellows engaged in several activities and discussions regarding the practice of collaborative conservation.

The group brainstormed ideas for new resources that increase collaborative conservationists' effectiveness working with marginalized communities, characterized collaboration as a function of participation, and explored ways to be intentional about how and when we engage stakeholders.

***Are you interested in becoming a CCC Fellow? Learn more about the [CCC Fellows Program](#) on our website.***

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## Grasslands Webinar Series– *That's A Wrap!*

**The Grasslands webinar series has come to a close.** We hope everyone enjoyed this four-part series on the culture, conservation, and resiliency of grasslands in the American West and now feels more knowledgeable about the biodiversity, historical significance, and future conservation of this incredible, imperiled ecosystem.

**If you missed the series or would like to rewatch any part of it, you can find a recording of each of the four Grasslands episodes on [The Institute for Science & Policy's YouTube channel](#).**

*A special thanks to our partners and the wonderful speakers that made this series possible!*



## Get Involved with the Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network

The purpose of the new Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network (CFCN) is "to benefit and support place-based forest collaboratives in Colorado by connecting them to information, resources, and each other, and by telling their stories to make their value and needs understood."

We would love to connect with you! Please visit our [new webpage](#) to learn more about the CFCN and share your ideas for the new network.

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

### Conservation Finance Boot Camp Virtual Registration Still Open

Interested in virtually attending this year's Conservation Finance Network Conservation Finance Boot Camp June 27 to July 1? Boot Camp is an intensive 5-day workshop providing crucial insight on innovative and effective funding strategies for mid-career conservation professionals and is co-hosted in partnership with the Center for Collaborative Conservation and the University of Wyoming Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources.

No application process is required for virtual participation—anyone may register to attend! [Register here](#) to participate in the CFN's 16th Annual Conservation Finance Boot Camp online and find out more on the [CFN website](#).

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## Get to Know the CCC



### Meet the CCC's New Associate Director of Practice: Aireona Bonnie Raschke

**Aireona Bonnie Raschke, Ph.D.** comes to the Center for Collaborative Conservation (CCC) from Desert Botanical Garden, where she led the Central Arizona Conservation Alliance (CAZCA) as the program director. Through her work with CAZCA, Aireona specialized in collaborative conservation, and led shared work on invasive plant management, ecosystem restoration, and public outreach across central Arizona. Previous to that, she was immersed in studying community-based conservation globally through systematic review and expert consultation, and evaluating the impact of nature-based tourism on the environment and community well-being of Dominica and the Dominican Republic.

She's also an avid hiker, travel blogger, and artist. In joining the CCC team,

Aireona is very excited for lots of stuff, including becoming part of the WCCN/CCC community more fully, further honing her collaborative conservation skills, and delving into new conservation issues across the intermountain West!

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## Other News and Opportunities

[Planet Women](#) is now accepting applications for the **2022 Regenerative Leadership Project**, a leadership training program for conservationists at any career stage hoping to gain knowledge about decolonization, feminism, and anti-oppression. [Applications](#) are open until all spaces have been filled.

**Applications are now open for the Environment and Public Policy (EPP) Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution [Rob Williams Award for Emerging Environment and Public Policy Leaders](#).** The awarded emerging leader will receive opportunities to build relationships with peers and experts in the field and help expand EPP committees and initiatives. Practitioners with one to five years of experience in environmental and public policy are encouraged to [apply](#). Applications due June 30.

**Save the date for the Salazar Center's fourth annual International Symposium on Conservation Impact: October 6-7, 2022.** This year's symposium will focus on U.S.-Mexico border ecosystem conservation and transboundary collaboration. Registration is expected to open in July. Keep any eye out for more details on [Salazar Center's website](#).

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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:

**Applications for the Colorado Water Center's [Associate Director position](#) close Monday May 23!** Based in Fort Collins, CO, this position will

lead [Colorado Water Center](#)'s education, outreach, and research programs. Be sure to submit your application ASAP.

[Trees, Water, & People \(TWP\)](#), based in Fort Collins, is hiring a full-time **Grants Manager** to assist in raising funds for the TWP Central America & Indigenous Lands Programs. [Apply](#) today!

[Wildlands Restoration Volunteers](#) is seeking a **Bilingual Community Engagement Coordinator** to support the organization's engagement with a diverse community of environmental stewards in the Colorado Front Range. [Applications](#) open until position is filled.

[Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership](#) is looking to hire a **Rio Grande Program Coordinator** to assist the development of their new Rio Grande Program based in New Mexico. 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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